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FLYING ARROW SHELLED BY CHIANG'S GUNBOATS

Freighter disabled by 30 to 40 shell hits

NAVY GIVES ASSISTANCE

By Wayne Richardson

Aboard The Flying Arrow off Shanghai, January 9.
Chinese Nationalist gunboats shelled this American freighter mercilessly today rendering her unseaworthy with between 30 and 40 shells hits.

There were no casualties among the crew of 43 and the 12 passengers.

Chinese Nationalist gunboats, blockading Red-held Shanghai, stood guard over the Flying Arrow after the shelling.

Numerous fires were started aboard the ship as the British sloop Black Swan boarded the Flying Arrow and helped the crew put out the fires.

Part of the ship's 1,000-ton cargo, loaded in Hong Kong, was dumped overboard when it caught fire.

Captain David Jones, of Chicago, pronounced the ship no longer seaworthy after inspecting the numerous shell holes. Some large ones were just above the waterline.

Captain Jones requested the ship's owners, the Isbrandtsen Line of New York, to ask the U.S. State Department to interfere for safe passage to the nearest port for repairs, Shanghai is the nearest port.

(In New York, Mr. H. J. Isbrandtsen, president of the line, called for protection of the Flying Arrow by U.S. naval units. He said shelling of the ship was "entirely unlawful according to international law."

"According to standing Naval regulations, Mr. Isbrandtsen said,

"Shortly thereafter they started pumping shells into and over the ship.
"We saw shells going over the bridge and passenger cabins, plopping into the water on the other side some very close.
"Even three short blasts on the steam whistle, signifying my engines were going full astern, did not stop them from firing.

Two Chinese Nationalist destroyer escorts tailed the vessel from the time she passed through Formosa Strait on her northward trip from Hong Kong. They fired at least 38 shells at the vessel before they scored a hit. But once their guns got the range, they poured the shots into her. Captain Jones said the ship's steering room was hit by 14 shells. After deck houses and the water tank were riddled by other shells.

The ship dropped anchor two miles off the mouth of the Yangtze River, main entrance to Shanghai's harbour. The Nationalists say they have mined the river's mouth. It may be possible the Communists in Shanghai have swept away the mines.



Mr. David Jones, Master of the Flying Arrow, photographed last week while leaving the offices of A.P. Pattison Company, local agents for Isbrandtsen's.

Immediately previously, the State Department had reportedly warned American ship captains to stay out of Chinese territorial waters. The United States and Britain do not recognise the Nationalist blockade.

In London, the Admiralty said today that Black Swan was believed "standing by" the Flying Arrow in the mouth of the Yangtze River, adds an Associated Press report from London.

An Admiralty spokesman said Black Swan went to the aid of the freighter "on humanitarian grounds."

Royal Navy men helped out the fire, he said.

The spokesman said the incident occurred outside the three-mile limit of Chinese territorial waters and Black Swan was not taking sides in the skirmish.

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Hainan defence exercises

Extensive combined land, sea and air exercises have been planned to take place this week by the Nationalist authorities on Hainan Island, according to vernacular Press reports, last night.

General Hsueh Yueh, Commander-in-Chief of Hainan Island, will direct the exercises which are primarily intended to test the island's defence against a Communist invasion.

At the same time, the air force will seek out real targets, boat concentrations, wharves, store houses and troop concentrations on the Luchow Peninsula, opposite Hainan.

Other reports from Hainan said that the Communists have lost some 3,000 guerrillas on Hainan Island as a result of the Nationalist anti-guerrilla campaign started about two weeks ago.

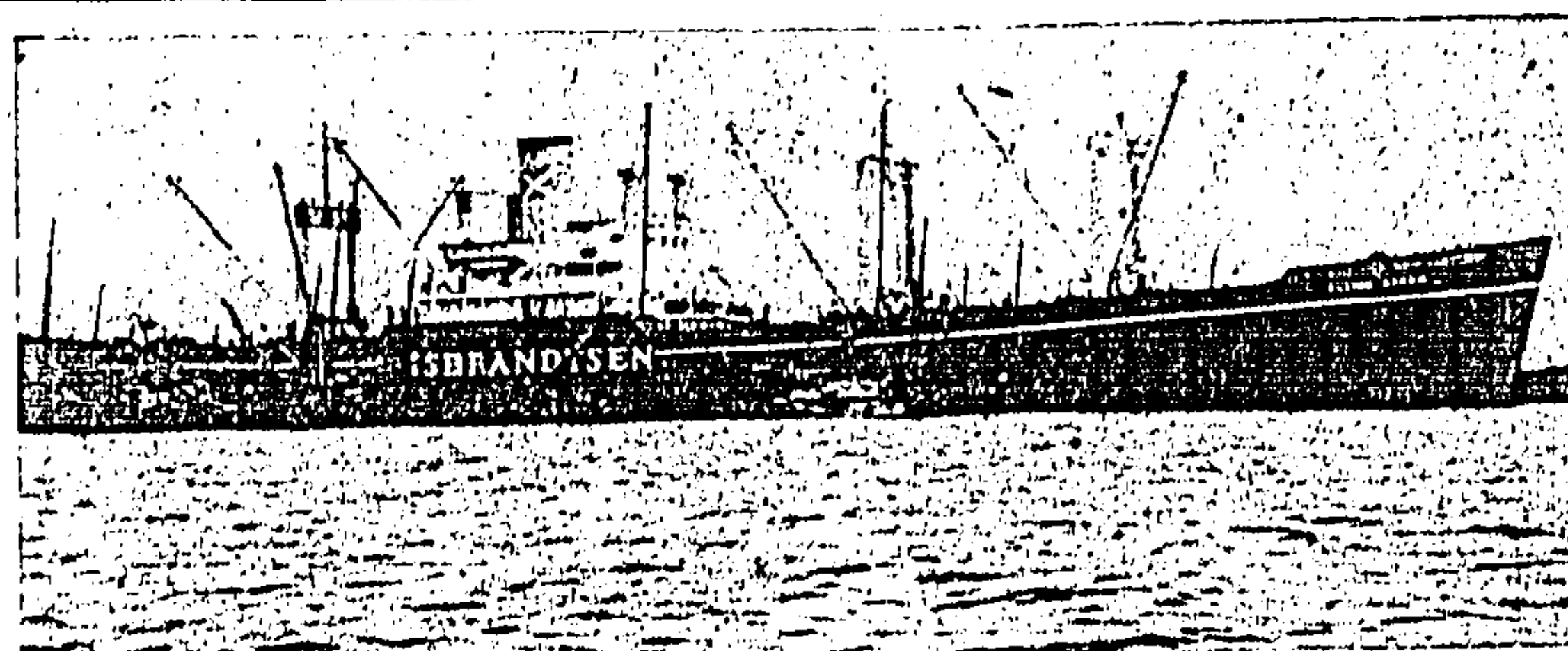
Anti-air raid measures are being adopted on the island. General Hsueh Yueh expects Communist air raids from Yunnan bases abandoned in Kwangtung and the few which were caught at Kunming by General Lu Han's detachment to the Communists.

SYDNEY DOCKERS END STRIKE

Melbourne, January 9. Sydney dockers who have been on strike for the past five days have decided to return to work tomorrow. The employers claimed that the dockers are returning to work without gaining their demand that the docks' first-aid men should all be members of the dockers' union.

The strike, which started five days ago in Sydney, threatened to hold up ships at all Australian ports. —Reuters.

Victim of attack



The Isbrandtsen ship Flying Arrow photographed in Hong Kong last week just before leaving on her abortive attempt to run the Shanghai blockade. She is seen taking on some of her cargo of 8,000 tons of industrial chemicals, cotton and low-grade petroleum, valued at more than US\$10,000,000. ("China Mail" photo).

C'wealth conference opens at Colombo

Colombo, January 9.

The first communique issued by the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers conference stated that the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, reviewed the "present state of international relations" at this afternoon's meeting.

A general exchange of views between the Commonwealth representatives followed.

The communique stated: "After a preliminary gathering in Gordon Gardens, the Commonwealth ministers met at 10.45 in the Cabinet room in the Senate building."

Their first action was to appoint the Rt. Hon. D. S. Senanayake, Prime Minister of Ceylon, as their Chairman for the conference.

Mr. Senanayake on taking the chair, extended a warm welcome to the representatives of other Commonwealth countries.

This morning's meeting, it was learned, though intended to be purely procedural, developed almost into a full working session. Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, who seconded Mr. Bevin who had proposed Mr. Senanayake as Chairman, was the first to reply to the Ceylon Prime Minister's speech of welcome.

Sources near the delegations said he departed from the purely formal and at once touched on the substance of the conference, including economic problems and China.

The ministers approved the agenda for their "ministerial" (as opposed to economic) talks. The agenda was officially described as provisional, as delegates could propose additional items and were expected to do so.

Mr. Senanayake opened the conference, with a speech in which he emphasised the shift of Commonwealth interests to Asia and its fundamental economic problems arising from the Communist menace, added United Press.

Nehru's speech
Mr. Nehru followed with an impassioned speech, insisting

that there always had been a "craving need" for a change of government in China. He said the "cold war tactics" in Europe might not prove effective in grappling with the problem of the Far East and that it would be unwise to take a completely negative approach toward Communist China.

Mr. Noel-Baker said the conference could not have been more fortunately timed because as a result of events in China the relations between East and West were in the forefront of world affairs. He said the conference was confronted with two great questions: "How are we to go about stopping a third world war, and how are we going to create better living conditions and raise the standard of life in Southern Asia?"

Canada's Mr. Lester Pearson said that although people thought Canada too occupied with her own affairs to be interested in world events, he could assure the conference of the utility of isolation.

He said "Canada naturally in close association with the United States but that does not mean that Canada must follow United States policy completely."

Mr. A. J. Spender, Australia's new Minister for External Affairs, stressed that geographically Australia was part of the Far East but historic and cultural ties linked her with the West.

When this morning's session ended the first delegate to leave the government building was New Zealand's Foreign Minister, F. W. Dodge. He said "It was a very pleasant mission and a very auspicious beginning." — Reuters

Swatow, Amoy (bombed by Nationalists

Taipei, January 9.

The Chinese Nationalist Air Force announced today that Swatow and Amoy, seaports on the mainland, opposite Taiwan were bombed.

Four ships were reported damaged at Swatow. Bombs and leaflets were dropped at Amoy.

Other Nationalist bombers attacked Communist craft along the coast of Chekiang, North of the two bombed ports.

Nationalist B-25s also bombed the Coastal River airfield at Shanghai. It was formerly a Nationalist air base. — Associated Press.

Chou's warning to Nationalists in Hong Kong

San Francisco, January 9.

Premier Chou En-lai of the Central People's Government issued an order of the day today instructing all personnel of the Nationalist Government in Hong Kong to safeguard state property and await the taking-over, according to a Peking broadcast.

Mr. Chou's order read: "To the responsible personnel and staff of political, diplomatic, financial, economic, cultural, educational and overseas Chinese affairs organs of the former Kuomintang Central and local Government in Hong Kong:

"You must stand at your respective posts to safeguard state property and archives, await the taking-over, and must not allow reactionary elements to steal, destroy, remove and conceal them."

"All former personnel will be assigned work according to their capabilities. Those who have rendered meritorious service in safeguarding state property will be rewarded. Those who engage in looting, destroying, removing and concealing of state property will be punished." — United Press.

Spoko Cantonese
The robbers were Chinese clothing and spoke in the local dialect. Only one of them was dressed in foreign clothes.

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**RECOGNITION OF
PEKING BY ISRAEL**
Tel Aviv, January 9. The Israeli Government announced today that it would recognise the Chinese Communist Government.

Recognition also would be accorded the new United States of Indonesia, the announcement said. — Associated Press.

TROOPS FOR HK
Singapore, January 9. The troopship Orbita arrived here from England today with reinforcements for British battalions in Malaya and at Hong Kong. — Reuters.

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DARING ROBBERY OF CHASE BANK

Armed robbers escaped with more than HK\$200,000 from the Chase Bank yesterday in the most daring daylight robbery in the history of Hong Kong. By last night the men were still at large.

The loot included HK\$195,000 and U.S.\$3,000 which was taken from the cashiers' desks and the tellers' cage. It was the first foreign bank ever to be robbed in Hong Kong.

Police throw dragnets throughout the Colony and put up road blocks at a number of points in attempts to arrest the robbers.

Search parties were stationed at the Ferry piers to search suspects and suspicious looking baggage. Public hire cars and taxis were stopped at different points on the Island and on the Mainland, passengers ordered out and the vehicles thoroughly searched. Buses were also stopped and passengers searched for arms and loot.

Indicating clever teamwork and planning, the robbers descended on the bank in a gang of about 3.30 p.m., when the banking hall was fairly full with late afternoon customers. Within 10 minutes the robbery was effected, even before many of the bank's staff realised what had happened.

The whole incident was staged with such smoothness that no shots were fired, nor anyone injured.

Mr. Frank A. Howard, the bank's general manager, described the robbery as a "very clever piece of work."

Watchman disarmed
Giving details of the incident he said the robbers entered the banking hall in a body and immediately disarmed the bank's watchman, who was carrying a shotgun. As one member of the gang guarded the entrance to the bank two others scaled the grillwork separating the hall from the Cash Department.

One of them brandished a revolver, which effectively crushed opposition.

The hall was fairly full at the time, with some customers paying in deposits.

In the confusion the robbers grabbed what money they saw lying around in the Cash Department, re-sealed the grill, and made a clean getaway.

One member of the Bank staff got to the door leading to the street and tried to raise an alarm by yelling, but heavy afternoon traffic stifled his cries Mr. Howard said.

At the time of the incident he was sitting in his office, but was swiftly informed of what was going on and immediately got in touch with the police.

**MME. CHIANG MAY
VISIT MANILA**
Manila, January 9. Madame Chiang Kai-shek may stop over in Manila on her journey from the United States to Taiwan, according to unconfirmed reports in Chinese quarters here today.

The Foreign Office said it could not confirm the report.

The Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Chen Chih-ping, called on the Acting Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Felling-Neri today but the subject of their conversation was not divulged.

It was presumed that Ambassador Chen saw Mr. Neri in connection with the question of Philippine recognition of the Chinese Communists. — United Press.

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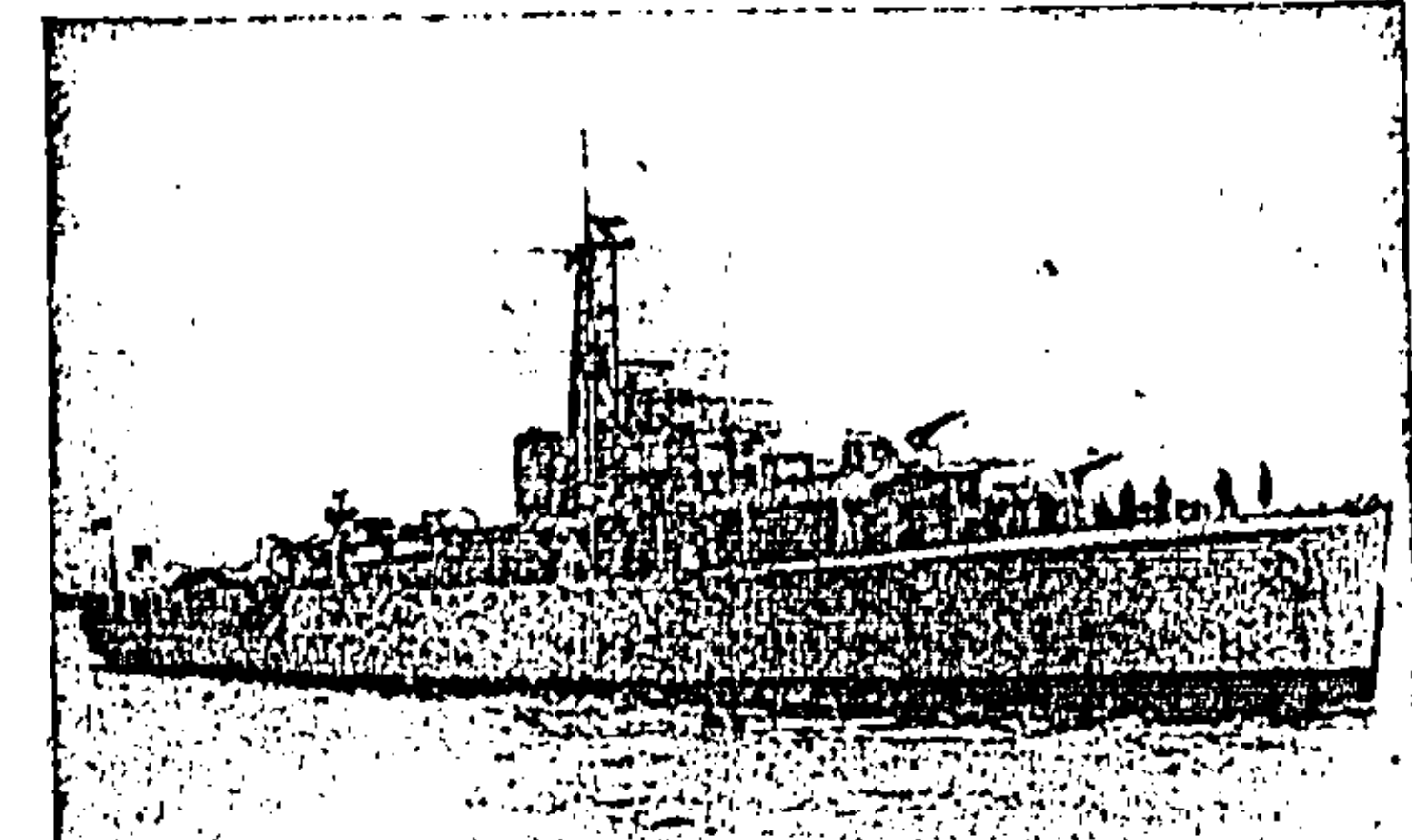
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The frigate HMS Black Swan, which was on normal patrol duty outside the Yangtze Estuary when she went to the assistance of the Flying Arrow yesterday by helping to extinguish the fire on the American freighter started by Nationalist shells. ("China Mail" photo).

"the U.S. Navy should protect American vessels on the high seas, and I hope it will be done in this case."

Attacked on the high seas

Most of the shelling took place on the high seas outside Chinese territorial waters. Captain Jones said afterwards: "We were 10 miles from the nearest land and were anchoring in international waters when we were attacked, unexpectedly by Chinese gunboats."

"They blundered that mines were being laid. At the time of my anchoring, they signalled: 'You must not enter.'"

The Weather

"At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) from the anti-cyclone centred 82 of Japan a ridge extends W to Central China. A deepening depression is moving E across the Yellow Sea."

"Today's Forecast—Light variable winds, fine and hazy."

"Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 74 deg. F. Minimum: 63 deg. F. Rainfall: 0.5 inches."

"Headings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Bar. at H.K. 1012.0, 1013.5 m.m. Humidity: 67, 65 % Dew Point: 57, 55 deg. F. Wind Direction: W, W by N. Wind Force: 2, 10 knots."

DONOVAN'S SUMMONSES ON AIRLINES DISMISSED

Opening of assizes at Supreme Court

The assizes at the Supreme Court which opened on January 10, will be preceded by a service at the St. John's Cathedral at 9.15 a.m.

The service will be officiated by the Chief Justice, the Judges and the Law Officers.

Following the service, the Chief Justice will proceed to the Supreme Court and formally open the Assizes at about 10 a.m.

Reminders

Today

11K Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, 11K Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

European YMCA Membership Committee meeting, 5.15 p.m.

United Inter-Denominational Services, at St. John's Cathedral, "Nations and their Rulers" by Rev. C. P. Smith, 5.30 p.m.

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

International Academy of Art & China Art Association exhibition of water colours and oil paintings, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

Wah Yan Dramatic Society, presents "A Lizard is no Dragon" at Wah Yan College, Robinson Road, 8.30 p.m.

11K Council of Social Services Executive Committee meeting, SCM Post Board room, 5.15 p.m.

International Affairs Study Group meeting, PRO Lecture room, 5.30 p.m.

11K Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 6.45 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Tue II meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

European YMCA Women's Section, Games Meeting, 10 a.m.

United Inter-Denominational Services, at St. John's Cathedral, "Witness of the Church" by Rev. J. H. Ogilvie, 5.30 p.m.

Services Free Dancing Classes, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

European YMCA Literary & Debating Group, "Tribes & Mountains in West China" by Mr. P. Gallant, 8.45 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Mahjong, 7 p.m.

Art Exhibition by Mr. Bunyan Lau, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m.

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THURSDAY

Wah Yan Dramatic Society, presents "A Lizard is no Dragon" at Wah Yan College, Robinson Road, 8.30 p.m.

11K Women's International Club, Dance for Services, 7.30 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, "Twenty Questions," 8 p.m.

LARCENY SUSPECTS REMANDED

Three unemployed men, Tsui Man, alias Ho Chun-tin, Ip Ping, alias Ip Ching-ping, and Lau Tak, alias Wong Wah, were charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday on seven counts of larceny by trick of HK\$4,900, U.S.\$640 and HK\$1,022 in jewellery from Ho Hon-bun, of Rodo House, Talpo Road.

The men, who shared the seven charges, pleaded not guilty and were remanded three days for hearing.

First defendant was alleged to have stolen \$20 from complainant on December 13 at 274 Castle Peak Road. He and second defendant were charged on December 11, 12 and 13, \$210, \$440 and \$330, respectively.

All defendants were charged with stealing from complainant on December 14, 15 and 19, \$1,050, \$37.50, and \$2,400, U.S.\$940 and \$1,022 worth of jewellery, respectively.

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Two summonses brought by Major-General William Donovan, of Civil Air Transport Incorporated, for the appointment of a receiver for the CNAC and CATC airlines' property were dismissed yesterday at the Supreme Court.

Mr. Justice Williams, Senior Puisne Judge, pointed out that in the present case neither the plaintiffs nor the defendants were in possession of the property and that there was no information given as to who was in possession.

"In view of the lack of evidence of good prima facie title against all claimants I do not consider it would be just for me to grant the application," Mr. Williams remarked.

Mr. John McNeill, on the instructions of Mr. D. H. Blake, of Wilkinson and Griel, appeared on behalf of Civil Air Transport Incorporated. The defendants concerned were Major-General Claude L. Chennault, and Mr. Whittaker Williams.

Mr. Justice Williams said in his judgment: "These two summonses were taken out by CAT Incorporated, the plaintiffs, under section 567 of the Code and section 11 of the Law Amendment Ordinance asking for appointment of a receiver for the property subject matter of two actions between them and Major-General Chennault and Mr. W. Williams, defendants in the action."

"Plaintiffs claim from the defendants all aeroplanes, spare parts, tools, equipment, huts, etc. formerly belonging respectively to the CNAC and CAT, and sold as to them to the defendants on December 12, 1949, and later sold by the defendants to the plaintiffs on December 13, 1949. The summonses were ex parte summonses. The defendants having entered an appearance in both actions, asked for a hearing on the summonses and I consented to do so. I have adjourned the summonses into open Court to give my decision as to whether or not the property, subject matter to the two actions, is in the possession of the plaintiffs or the defendants, or whether it is in the possession of some other person."

The property, subject matter to the two actions, is in the possession of the plaintiffs or the defendants, or whether it is in the possession of some other person. No 517 and No 518 of 1949, between CNAC and CAT, respectively, as plaintiffs, and certain persons as defendants to whom I refer to for convenience, though they are inaccurately, as ex parte summonses. The present legal position as regards these actions is that the plaintiffs therein have obtained an interim injunction restraining the ex-employees from removing certain premises and equipment therefrom and the ex-employees have obtained a stay order. There is an order preventing plaintiffs in these cases from removing any property subject matter of the action.

Counsel's statement

"The issues of both summonses before me were the same and I heard the parties together. Counsel for the plaintiffs has referred me to an affidavit sworn by a director of the plaintiff Company in support of the summonses in which it was stated that there was a danger to the property. Counsel also emphasised that the aeroplanes cannot remain unserviced for any length of time without serious deterioration setting in and he had thought that some persons were believed to be tampering with the property in dispute."

"Solicitors for the defendants supported the application for the appointment of a receiver. In my opinion it is desirable that early steps should be taken to have the properties in dispute should be preserved but I have to be satisfied that I ought to grant the present application made by the plaintiffs under this section of the Code."

"The summonses are that power be granted to the plaintiffs to appoint a receiver to prevent any other person taking possession of the property in dispute or from removing any possession of any of them. The receiver may be appointed by the Court to preserve property by an interlocutory order while the trial is in progress. (Section 11 of the Law Amendment Ordinance No 2 of 1901.)"

"I must be satisfied before I grant the application that the plaintiff has established a good prima facie title and also that the properties will be endangered if left until the trial in possession and control of the parties against whom the receiver is asked or at least that there is reason to apprehend that the plaintiffs will be in a worse situation if the appointment of the receiver is delayed."

"In the majority of cases where an interim receiver is asked for the property is in the possession of one party to the action and the other party who claims the property is apprehensive of danger to it pending hearing of the action. In this case the Court has at least the affidavits of both parties and is in a reasonable position to come to a decision on the present case. Neither plaintiffs nor defendants are in possession of the property. There is no information given in the affidavits as to who is in possession. Counsel for the plaintiffs, when I asked the question, was unable to give the much mitigation. The earlier applications made to the Court showed that two other parties were rival claimants to the property. Coun-

sel suggested to make that the result of the injunction order and the stop order was that the property was in the enjoyment of no one. If that was so then I ought to more readily appoint a receiver but I do not agree that this is the position.

"Assuming that the interim injunction was obeyed then the plaintiffs in the earlier action are still in possession. It may be just for me to say that the plaintiffs have made out a prima facie title to the property. They may have against the defendants but I have not heard the other rival claimants to this property."

Not just

"If a sufficient case has been made out then a receiver will be appointed in the absence of some of the persons interested (see Part of Receivers, page 8). In such a case, however, it ought to be clear that the plaintiffs have not made out a prima facie case of title as against the plaintiffs and defendants in the earlier actions. I have no information as to their attitude to these applications. There is no suggestion that they would consent to the appointment of a receiver."

"In view of the lack of evidence of good prima facie title as against all claimants I do not consider it would be just for me to grant the application particularly in the absence of the consent of all claimants. I accordingly dismiss the summonses."

"As the defendants did not oppose the application, the costs of the hearing will be costs in the case. I should add that in my view either plaintiffs or defendants in the earlier actions might have asked for the appointment of a receiver when they made their respective applications to the Court."

"Even at this stage it should not be difficult to all claimants to consent to some form of receivership as it is in the interests of all of them to preserve the property."

CPA proving flight to Borneo

Officials of Cathay Pacific Airways returned to Hong Kong on Saturday from a proving flight to British Borneo with enthusiastic descriptions of the fascinating country.

Between Sandakan and Jesselton the aircraft detoured to inspect the craggy, forbidding peak of Borneo's highest mountain, Mount Kinabalu where the world's most exotic orchids grow, and home of the tapir, rhinoceros and orang-utan.

Very few white men have been to the top. But there are Dyaks who live on Kinabalu's slopes, treasuring the heads their fathers took when head-hunting was a chief pastime among Borneo's jungle peoples.

Between Sandakan and Jesselton, the capital of Sarawak and erstwhile home of Rajah Brooke) were visited on the flight, which preceded the regular CPA weekly schedule while still in progress.

In Kuching, passengers met a party of Dyak warriors down from the Kelabit and Kyan areas, and these loth-loomed natives were taken for their first ride in a flying ship.

They showed excited interest when shown the controls in flight. It was obvious they were fascinated by the mechanics of flying. Photographs of these people will be published in the "Sunday Herald."

Mr. S. De Kantzow, Managing Director of CPA, is in Hong Kong to bring Kuching into the schedule soon. At the moment weekly CPA flights touch at Sandakan, Jesselton and Labuan, returning to Hong Kong via Manila.

Much of Borneo's jungle produce is extremely popular in China, and such delicacies as bird's nests can now be flown in from Sandakan to Hong Kong in 48 hours.

Mr. S. De Kantzow said that the timber, oil, damar, rattan, skin and other industries are in full swing with merchants keenly interested in trading with Hong Kong.

HANDBAG FOUND AT STAR FERRY

A black handbag containing money, ornaments, cosmetics, a bunch of keys, a Parker pen and a Shanghai ration card in the name of Choi So-wan, of 100, Ki San Chun, Shanghai, was found at the Star Ferry, Kowloon, on December 9.

The owner should apply personally to the Tsui Shu Tsui Police Station for the return of property.

Wounded soldiers call on Kwok



Disabled and abandoned Nationalist soldiers visited the Nationalist Commissioner for Foreign Affairs yesterday in an attempt to be sent to Taiwan. They have refused to go to Hoi how (Hainan Island). Shown here are a few of the soldiers waiting outside Mr. T.W. Kwok's office for an interview. ("Chi-na Mail" photo).

CNAC sending staff members to Tientsin for "indoctrination"

The China National Aviation Corporation has finally decided to send its local pro-Communist staff members to Tientsin to receive their "indoctrination", according to Mr. Rogino Yap, official spokesman for the aviation company yesterday.

Mr. Yap estimated that some 1,000 of these employees will leave for the North China city shortly. He further said that he could not say the actual date of the employees' departure because at present there are so few means of transportation between here and Tientsin.

His explanation of the Northward trip was that the pro-Communist management of the airlines has recently decided in Peiping the CNAC will establish its head office in the North China port city.

Already some 100 pro-Communist staff members of the local CNAC office have left for Tientsin by sea and rail recently.

Among those who left were many returned flight crew members who had brought the 12 CNAC and Central Air Transport aircraft to Communist China.

As for those who do not desire to go to Tientsin, Mr. Yap said that they must present their resignation papers to the airlines' management.

Asked whether in that case, the local pro-Communist management is forcing the disobedient staff to resign, Mr. Yap said: "I don't like the word 'force'. We are civilised people and we don't force people."

Would rather stay

Quite a few pro-Communist employees of the aviation company are at present seeking local jobs as they do not wish to leave the Colony.

One of them after being told that the management is sending him to Tientsin instead of Canton said that he does not mind going to Canton but if he is to go to Tientsin, he will have to resign.

The decision of sending its staff members to Tientsin came after the company's local management had gone through many secret conferences.

"Unlike the CNAC, CATC is definitely planning to send its pro-Communist employees to be 'indoctrinated' at Canton."

TAA CREW SAFE IN KUNMING

Word was received by the local "China-Australia Airways" office yesterday that the crew members of the TAA aircraft which has been stranded in Kunming since December 21, are safe in the Yunnan city.

In a telegram the stranded crew members of TAA said that they will return to the Colony as soon as Kunming authorities approve of their departure.

No mention of the date of expected return was mentioned in the message.

DRIVING CAR WITHOUT LICENCE

Victor Orloff, of 108 Hankow Road, was fined \$100 by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of driving a car without a valid licence.

Defendant was seen by Traffic Sub-inspector Geoffrey Hardacre in his car in Nathan Road on Saturday. When asked for his licence he produced one that expired in 1949.

CAT resumes HK-Taiwan flights

The local Civil Air Transport office announced yesterday that the CAT has resumed flights between the Colony and the Nationalist-held island of Taiwan.

Two CAT aircraft arrived in Hong Kong from Taipei and Taiwan yesterday afternoon bringing here more than 25 Chinese and European passengers and a number of CAT personnel.

The first aircraft, a C-46, arrived at about 2 p.m. carrying the passengers and flight crew members and 21 pounds of mail. A few minutes after she discharged her load, the XT-810 returned to Taiwan with a load of local CAT personnel and their families.

The second aircraft arrived shortly after 5 p.m. This time a C-47, the aircraft carried no passengers. She is here to be overhauled.

No Hong Kong Airways aircraft left Kai Tak airport yesterday for Taiwan.

Wayward daughter cautioned

The mother of a 15-year-old wayward daughter told Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday that she would only welcome her daughter home if she behaved herself and listened to her instructions.

The girl was charged before Mr. Tam with stealing a pair of pyjamas, the property of Miss So Lai-chun, at 11, Western Street, second floor.

The girl pleaded guilty and the mother was then asked to sign a cash bond of \$25 for one year. The mother demurred, saying that her daughter was very disobedient. She would only have her back, continued the mother if the girl promised never to go to a picture show and never to leave the house.

Mr. Tam remarked that to make a young girl promise never to see a show or leave the house was too harsh and asked the mother to allow her daughter to see a show once a fortnight and to allow her to go out occasionally. The mother agreed and Mr. Tam then cautioned the defendant and placed her under Police supervision for two years.

De La Rama offices closed

The offices of the Filipino-owned shipping company, De La Rama Lines Incorporated, were officially closed yesterday when Butterfield and Swire their agents in the Northern port.

Closure of the Hong Kong and Shanghai branches resulted from insufficiency of business, the "China Mail" learned from a reliable source. The decision was taken several months ago when the firm's President, Mr. S. Osmont, paid a visit to the Colony and came to the conclusion that the volume of business here did not warrant the maintenance of a special branch.

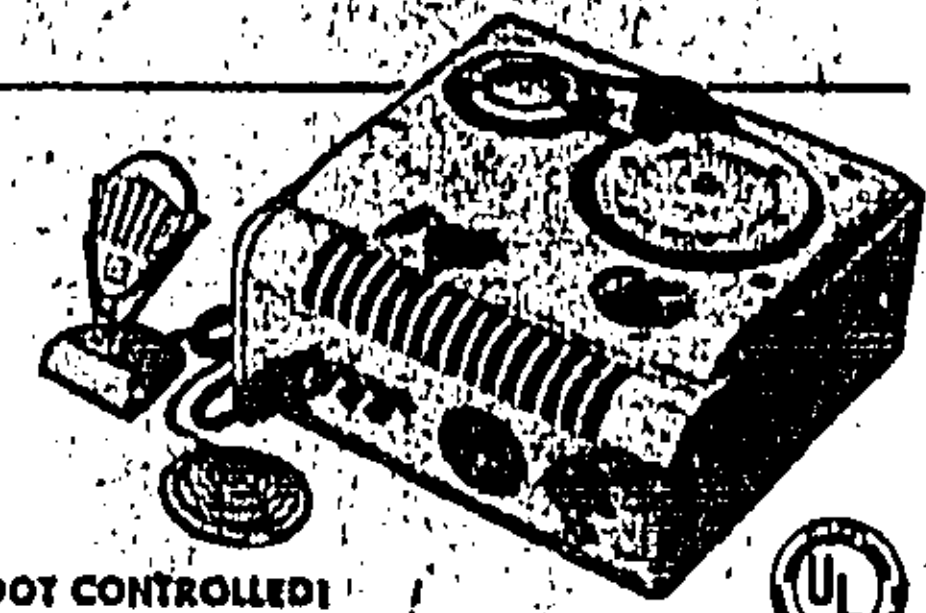
In Shanghai the Nationalist blockade so reduced maritime business that the company decided several months ago to suspend its Northern offices to the B. and S. office on Connaught Road.

De La Rama's offices in Marina House will not be vacated until the end of this month.

De La Rama Lines' opened their Hong Kong office after the war.

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Says lovely Dorothy Lamour

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A suitable announcement will be inserted Free of Charge if
Advertisers' requirements are satisfactorily answered.

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A LADY'S black handbag con-
taining money, ornaments, cos-
metics, 1 bunch of keys, 1 Parker
pen & 1 Shanghai ration card
under the name of Choi So Wan
C/F 25 years of 106 Ki San Chun,
Shanghai, was found at the Star
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modern technicians. BUREAU
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NOTICE TO MARINERS
No. 2 OF 1950.

HONG KONG WATERS

Victoria Harbour,
Central Junk Anchorage,
Establishment of Mark Buoy.

Position—

- (a) 309' 6.28 cables from
Marine Office Flag Staff
- (b) 351' 2.64 cables from
Marine Office Flag Staff
- (c) 350' 1.9 cables from
Marine Office Flag Staff
- (d) 301' 4.32 cables from
Marine Office Flag Staff

Details—A Mark Buoy,
painted white, will be laid in
each of the above positions on
or about January 9, 1950.

Charts affected—Admiralty
Chart No. 1499.

Previous Notice to Mariners.

Authority: Marine Depart-
ment, Hong Kong.

J. JOLLY,
Director of Marine.

Marine Office,
Hong Kong, January 7, 1950.

NOTICE TO MARINERS
No. 3 OF 1950.

HONG KONG WATERS

Victoria Harbour

Victoria Bay Anchorage

In accordance with the au-
thority contained in Section
22 (3), Merchant Shipping
Ordinance No. 10 of 1880 no
vessel shall anchor in or ob-
struct that area of Victoria
Bay east of a line drawn from
a point 270' 2 cables from
the seaward end of Kity Pier
Shum Shu Po to the northern
extremity of the western bound-
ary of the Kowloon Peninsula
and South of the Typhoon
Shelter.

Chart affected—Admiralty
Chart 3280.

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Marine Office,
Hong Kong, January 7, 1950.

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Marine Office,
Hong Kong, January 7, 1950.

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Adultery case heard
in Kowloon Court

Dr. Verrier Yankak Chiu, former Chief Justice in
China, was called to give expert opinion on
Chinese custom and law before Mr. James
Wicks at Kowloon yesterday at the resumed
hearing on the summonses issued by Siu Yuk-
ki, 138 Leichikok Road, against his brother-
in-law, Ng Mi, alias Ng Wing-tai, for har-
boring a married woman and for committing
adultery with a married woman, Li Wan-wan,
who is the wife of complainant and the sister
of defendant's wife.

The summonses alleged that Ng, between Septem-
ber 11, 1947, and October 3, 1949, commit-
ted adultery with Siu's wife, and that while
complainant was away in the country, defen-
dant harboured the former's wife at 131
Parkes Street.

Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton, in-
structed by Mr. M. A. da
Silva, is representing the
complainant, while Mr. F. G.
Nigel is representing the de-
fendant.

At previous hearings evidence
was given that complainant and
defendant married the sisters, Li
Wan-wan and Li Yan-ping, re-
spectively, here in Hong Kong
during the Japanese occupation.

In 1944 complainant took his
wife back to his native village in
Wai Yung District, Kwangtung,
where another marriage ceremony
was held, and where complainant
had another wife. While in the
village Li Wan-wan gave birth to
a son.

In 1948, Li Wan-wan with her
son returned to Hong Kong, where
complainant came last year upon
learning the whereabouts of his
wife.

Complainant further alleged
that he wife gave birth to a
daughter last year while living
with the defendant.

An old custom

Put in the witness stand by
Mr. D'Alton, Dr. Chiu stated
that there is a custom in China
by which a man may have more
than one wife. This custom is
based on two conditions: he
must be an adopted son and
he must be adopted by his
fraternal uncle, that is his
father and foster father must be
brothers.

In this case the witness he mar-
ried one plus child or equal wife.
They are also his legal wives,
or legal wives. Substantially, he said
is for the purpose of carrying on
the ancestral lines for both his
father and uncle.

Questioned by Mr. Nigel when
he would agree that since the
establishment of the Chinese Re-
public, the civil code in China
does not give legal validity to
such marriage, Dr. Chiu said that
the custom is so deeply rooted in
China, so much so that the court
has to respect the custom.

NOTICE

Delivery Order No. 063258
dated November 1, 1949 in
favour of Chung Yee Tong
Construction Co. in respect of
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has been lost and is hereby
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Length: 335 ft.
Breadth: 42 ft.
Depth: 27 ft.

Tender Forms will be issued
from Section 1A of the Naval
Store Dept., H.M. Dockyard,
Hong Kong, on the payment of
a deposit of H.K.\$500.00 from
Monday to Wednesday, Janu-
ary 9 to 11, 1950. The deposit
will be returned to unsuccessful
tenderers.

Complete Tender Forms
should be returned by hand,
not later than NOON, 13th
January, 1950.

LAMBERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors
& Appraisers,
Redden Buildings,
Telephone No. 2022.

Sailor fined
for assault

R. A. Pollock, aged 24, able
Seaman of the HMS Comus,
was charged before Mr. Hin-
shing Lo at Central yester-
day with assaulting a Police
officer and with behaving in
a disorderly manner.

He pleaded guilty to both
charges and was fined a total of
\$225 and bound over in \$250 for
one year. He was also ordered
to pay \$2 compensation to Sub-
Inspector R. J. Jones whose cap
had been damaged.

Sub-inspector Jones said
while patrolling Leung Road on
December 11, with Sub-inspector
Gurney, he noticed the defendant
riding a tradesman's delivery
bicycle in a drunken manner
about Hennessy Road. He ap-
proached the defendant and asked
him to get off, whereupon the defendant
became abusive and attacked
him, raising his Police cap and
tearing his uniform.

With the aid of the Emergency
Unit and a Naval Patrol he ar-
rested the defendant. J. R. Venables
said that Pollock had been in the
Navy for five years and had a
good record. He had been trans-
ferred to HMS Comus a few
months ago. He asked the Court
to allow defendant to pay the
fine and compensation in two
weeks a time. Permission was
granted.

"Russian Poker"
players fined

A Police raid on 38, Bon-
ham Strand, East, first floor,
on Saturday led to the ap-
pearance before Mr. A. D.
Scholes at Central yesterday
of Leung Kuen, aged 37, and
Chu Yui, aged 30.

Both were charged with gam-
bling in a game called "Russian
Poker" and were each fined \$25.
The sum of \$500 was in the raid
was ordered to be put in the
Poor Box.

Sub-inspector Dewar said that
the Police raided the premises on
Saturday under a warrant. The
players were warned of the Po-
lice arrival by a bell on the
ground floor and when the Police
gained admittance to the first
floor most of them escaped. Only
Leung and Chu were present with
Leung collecting the cards while
Chu was attempting to clear up
the counters and dice.

TONIGHT

International Affairs Study
Group (Hong Kong)

At 5.30 p.m.

At the Lecture Room
Public Relations Office
Statue Square

A talk will be given on
CURRENT PROGRESS IN
THE PHILIPPINES

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"Amazing! I do believe there's a singing commercial
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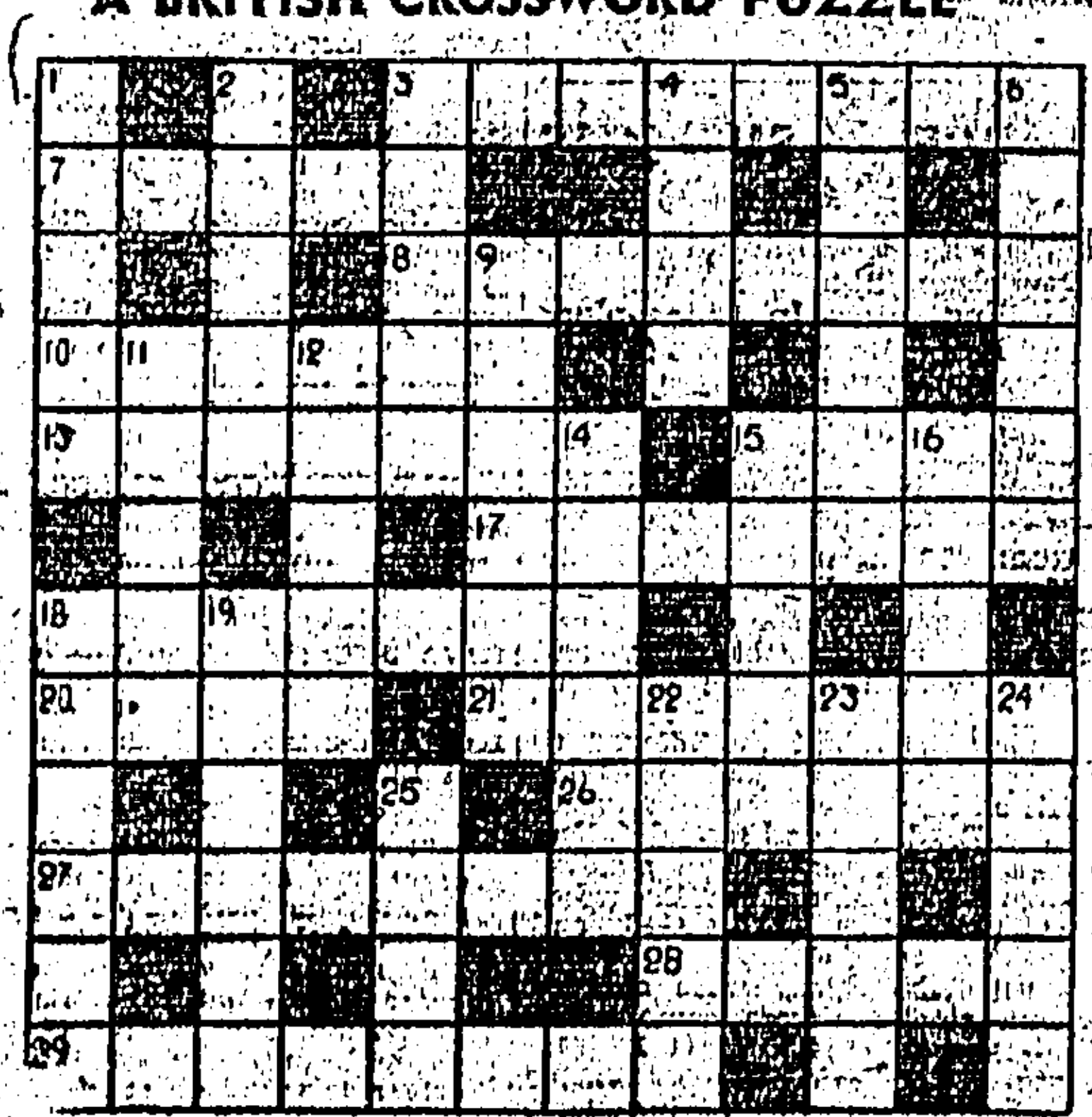
SAVING OUR BACON
MOST BRIDGE players, when
they get into a tight place, like to
tell how they saved their partners
from trouble. Have you yet seen
one who goes around telling how
some partner saved his bacon?
If so, you have had an exceed-
ingly rare experience. But there
is not one of us who has not been
kept or pulled out of a jam by
some action of the worthy across
the table.

Playing at the 3-Diamonds,
with just two trumps, South man-
aged to make his contract. I start
only two tricks in each minor.
That outcome with very happy
for the pair, since the part score
produced just enough more points
to win the rubber came on the
next deal.
But which of the two partners
tells this story? North, not South.

Tomorrow's Problem

South West North East
1 S Pass 1 NT Pass
2 H Pass 2 S Pass
3 D
Yes, sir, North actually pushed
that. It was as hard for South
to believe his ears as for you to
swallow this story. South, having
heard North show a preference
for the spades, meant the 3-Dia-
monds to be an ace-losing cap
bid as a result, slam invitation.
pung too logical, in view of his
partner's weak 1-NT Trump call
on the first round.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

3 Proselytes. 18 Akin. 2 Express. 20 Form of
speech. 21 Began again. 16 Groom. 26 Chevon.
13 Proposition. 27 Wave. 15 Unhazard. 28 Eucloic.
17 Encourages. 29 Mendace.

Down

1 Make off. 14 place. 2 Express. 14 Not exces-
sive. 3 Encouraging. 15 Happen
again. 4 Electrical unit. 16 Precipitous.
8 Take back. 18 Vigorous. 9 Slice of.
19 Exorodrom. 22 Unpleasant.
6 Promote. 23 Joint. 11 Ruminant. 23 Joint.
12 Peculiar to. 20 Excuse. 10 could. 21

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—1 Spread. 4 Dumb. 6 Ripe. 8 Sifted. 10 Flimsy. 11 Movie.
12 Envy. 13 Corps. 16 Maping. 18 Tumb. 20 Sunn. 22 Plat. 23 Tapp. 25 Rapid. 26 Kildov. 27 Rugged. 29 Order. 30 Eldov.

Down—1 Suspense. 2 No. 3 Noisy. 4 Dulce. 5 De-
revel. 6 Entire. 7 Chair. 8 No.

ROXY BROADWAY

FINAL SHOWING
TODAY
at 2.30, 5.30, 7.30
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"Wherever law and order break down, the FBI moves in for the counter-attack!" Here is the story of that counter-attack on 'The Street With No Name'.

Mark Stevens is starred with Richard Widmark who scored a sensation as the laughing killer in 'Kiss of Death'. Lloyd Nolan and Barbara Lawrence head the featured cast.

Produced with the complete cooperation of the FBI. Walter Winchell quotes J. Edgar Hoover as saying: 'The Street With No Name' is even better than 'The House on 92nd Street'.

THE STREET
WITH NO NAME

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Noel Coward's

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on

Thursday, 19th January 1950

Friday, 20th " "

Saturday, 21st " "

at

8.30 p.m.

Bookings at MOUTRIES and BOX OFFICE, THEATRE, before each performance.

A Ferry will run from Kowloon Pier, at 7.55 p.m. each night returning after the show. Fare (return or single) \$1.

DISCONTENT IN COMMUNIST CHINA BEGINS TO SPREAD

Many people in Communist China feel that a third world war would be preferable to living under the Communists.

There is widespread disillusionment and discontent with Communist rule in China, mainly because of the impoverishment of living conditions.

ASYLUM FIRE A MYSTERY

Davenport, Iowa, January 8.

The cause of the fire that wrecked a mental hospital here yesterday, killing 38 women, may never be known.

The Fire Brigade chief, Mr. Lester Schick, said today that he had questioned survivors but most of them were "mental patients and the value of their testimony is extremely doubtful. I doubt if we will ever find out what caused the fire."

A bulldozer and a crane used to search the debris for bodies had so disturbed the ruins of the 81-year-old hospital building that clues to the origin of the blaze might have been obliterated, he added.

Firemen still talked today of the screams of trapped women behind barred windows and locked doors. Thirty-seven of the victims were mental patients. The other was a nursing assistant. She was Mrs. Margaret Woebler who was rescued from the burning building but who died last night of shock.

The local coroner said that most of the 37 bodies recovered from the building were burned beyond recognition. An inquest will be held here on Wednesday morning.—Reuter.

A mass funeral of the victims will be held here on Wednesday morning.—Reuter.

MEN RETURN FROM THE DEAD

Auckland, January 8.

Two New Zealanders who had been missing in a small plane since December 29, 1949, tramped out of the bush today and told a backwoods farmer how they had escaped unscathed when their Tiger Moth crashed into a tree.

They are 19-year-old Cadet Pilot Ian Palmer and his father, Oswald Palmer, 48, of Auckland. Search parties gave the Palmers up for lost after their plane had been reported missing in bad weather on its way from Wanganui to New Plymouth.

The two men said that the plane struck and knocked over a tree on a high wooded ridge about 30 miles East of Mount Egmont. They scrambled out with a few cuts and bruises. Making their way down into open country. They lived for days on berries and three pieces of chewing gum.

Then they found an old shack where stale provisions gave them their first meal since the crash. They finally reached a remote farm and recuperated in a hot bath.—Associated Press.

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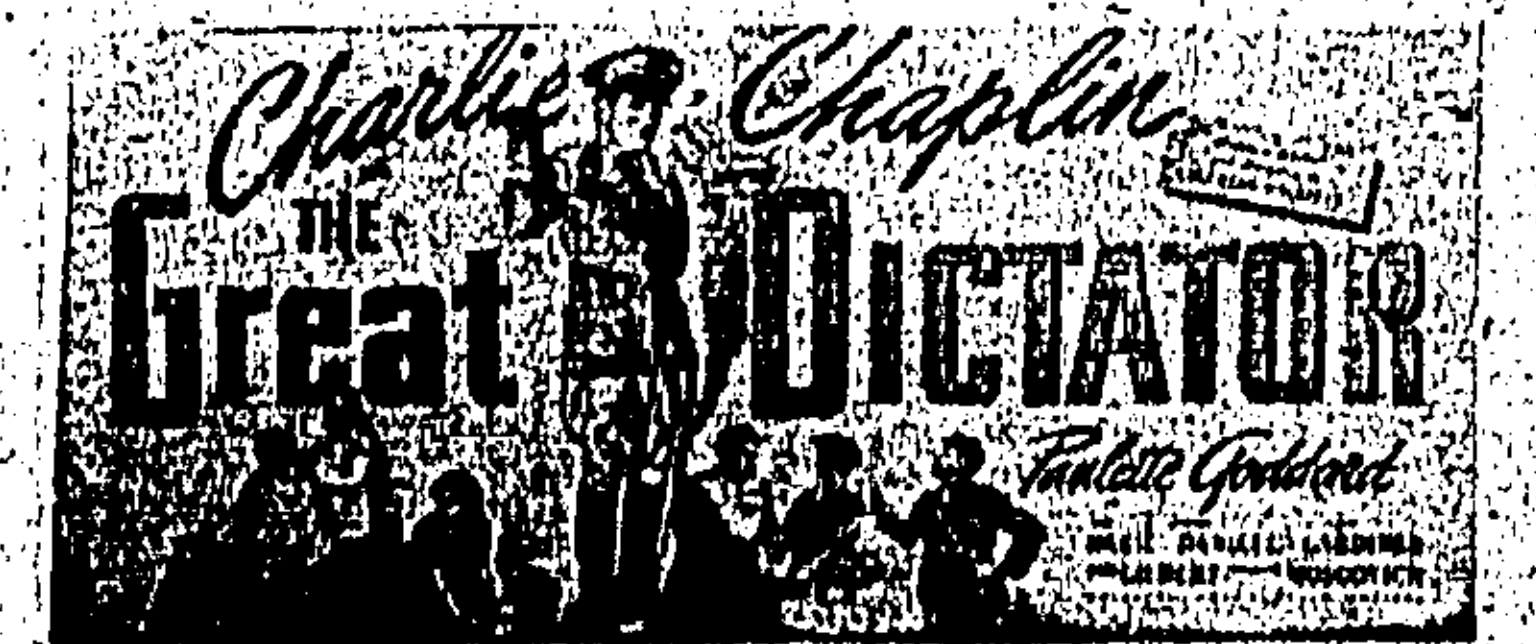


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Monty Bank's death on train journey

London, January 8. Mr. Monty Banks, film director and husband of the British singer and comedienne, Miss Gracie Fields, died suddenly in a train near Sampson, Italy, today.

He and his wife were on the way to their home at Capri. Mr. Banks, who was 52, was born in Italy and his real name was Mario Bianchi. He had important parts in British stage musical productions before going over to films.—Reuter.

MANILA SHOOTING TRAGEDY

Manila, January 9. Elmer Mocklin, Sr., retired American engineer from Chicago, was shot to death and his wife, Adela Mocklin, was slightly wounded by their own son on Friday on their farm in Antipolo, 20 miles East of Manila.

A police investigation showed that 14-year-old Elmer Mocklin, Jr., after having been scolded by his father, got Mr. Mocklin's 45 pistol and carbine and hid in a secluded spot near the pathway to their farmhouse. His father was looking for him, and as the man came along, young Elmer shot him fatally with the carbine.

The boy then helped his father back to the house, but when the father shouted for help, the youth ran back to the pathway. When his 46-year-old mother came, he shot her twice with the 45, hitting her in the neck and thigh, but the wounds were slight.

Young Elmer then fled. Meanwhile, his mother crawled through more than three miles of mountain road to town and contacted the authorities. The son was arrested in the town proper shortly after.

Asked why he had shot his father and mother, the boy said he could no longer stand their scoldings. However, Mrs. Mocklin told an investigation that she had long planned to send the boy to a reformatory because he was wayward and undependable. She said her husband was formerly a United States civil service employee and had no enemies.—United Press.

Indian Socialist arrested

Lucknow, January 8. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, the Indian Socialist leader, was arrested in the Vindhya Pradesh States Union in Central India today, according to a telephone message received by Socialist quarters in Lucknow.

Dr. Lohia is reported to have been taken from the States Union to an unknown destination. No reason for his arrest is known here.

A number of Socialist leaders in Vindhya Pradesh are reported to have been arrested last week following Socialist-sponsored demonstrations against the possible break-up of the Vindhya Pradesh States Union and the merger of the territory with the neighbouring Central Provinces and United Provinces.

The Indian Government took over the direct administration of Vindhya Pradesh on New Year's Day after political squabbles in the States Union, which prevented the formation of a stable Ministry.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN FILM EXPANSION

Moscow, January 8. Soviet film producers have decided to build new studios in Moscow capable of turning out 4 full-length colour films a year, the paper, "Soviet Art," said today.

They plan to create a vast picture-making enterprise, complete even to houses for film actors and extensive grounds for location work, the paper said.—Reuter.

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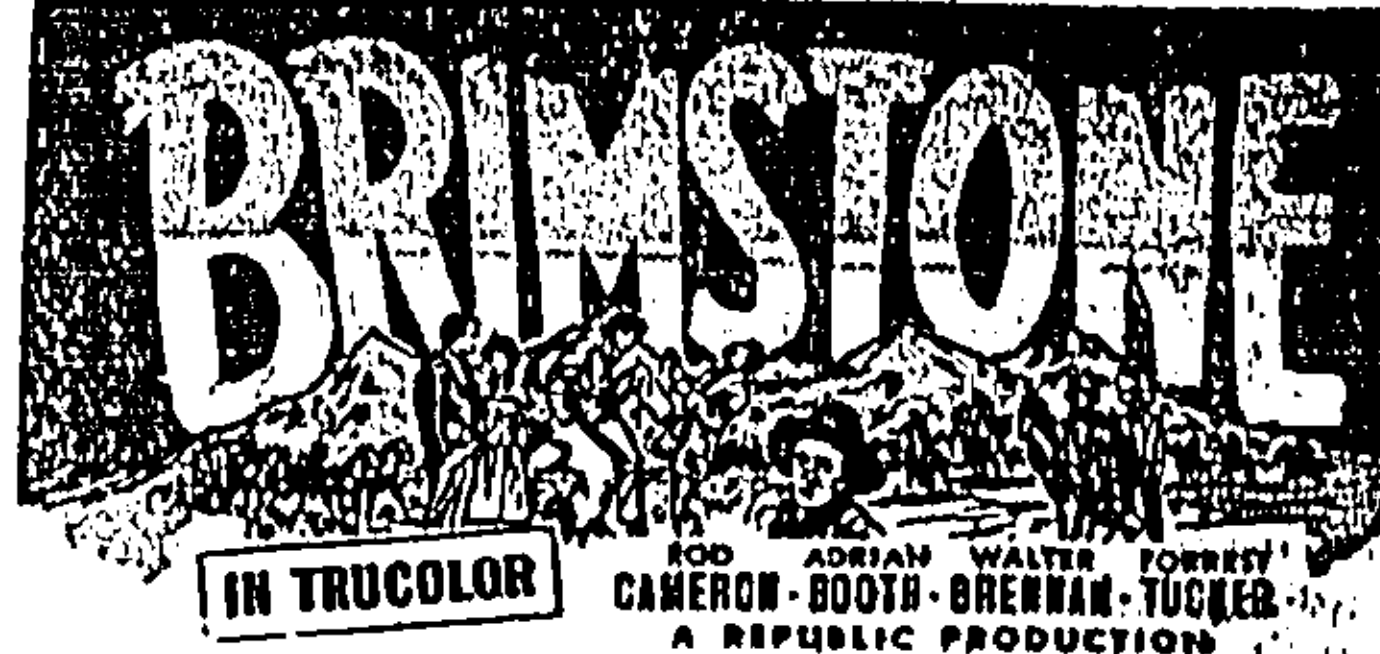
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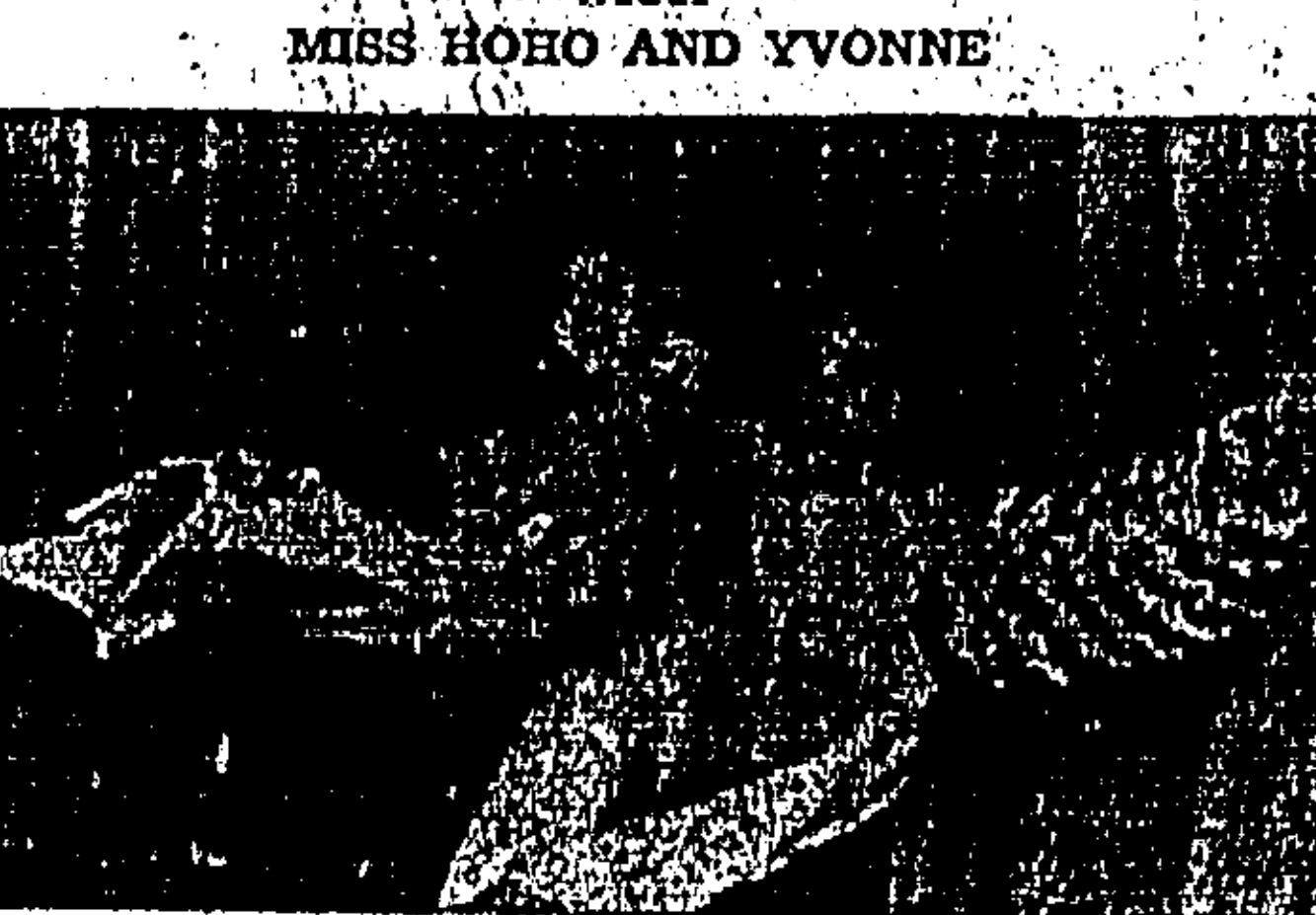
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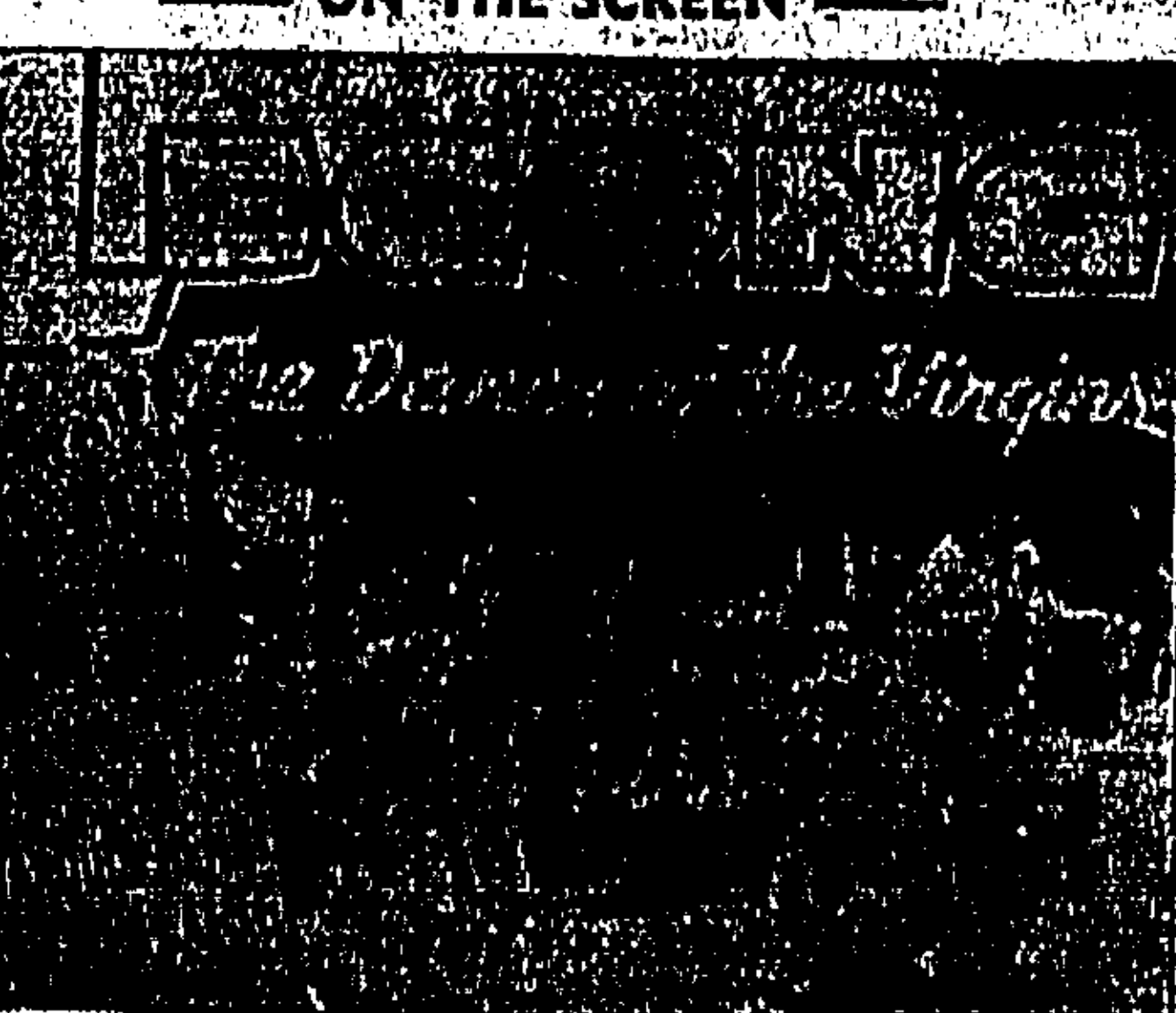
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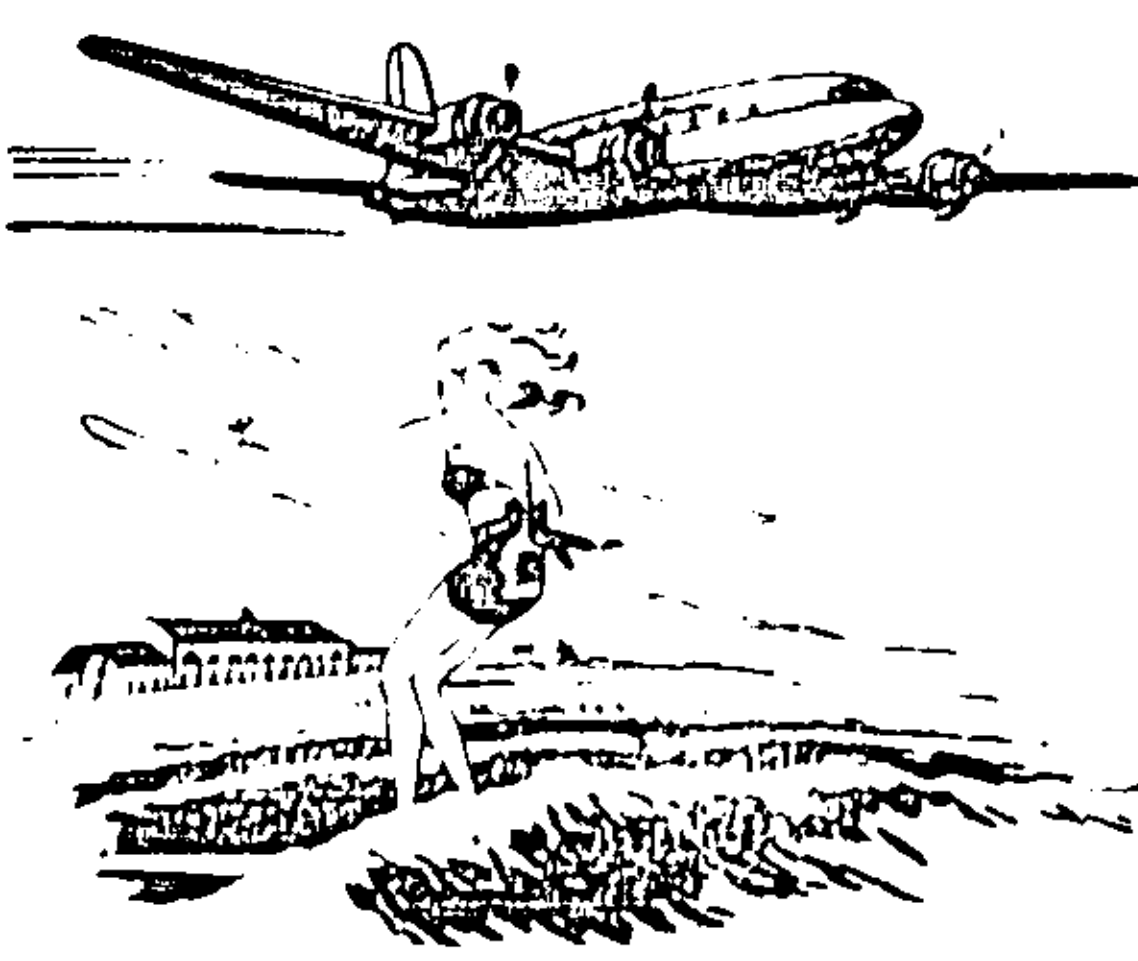
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THE OLD, OLD RHYTHM.

Once more the debilitating dynamic rhythm in China has been repeated—this time within the Republican framework. It is a rhythm which has given the Chinese race periods of rebellion, invasion and disorder exceeding the periods of peace and order. Throughout, the solutions were provided by force.

The West brought to China the idea of democracy and free institutions, whereby Governments are changed by the vote of the people in peaceful, orderly fashion. All power to one Party has brought, or is about to bring, all loss to that Party. Now, as then, there is war among the vanquished, and all power to the conquerors. There is in this a deep and abiding lesson for both, for the movement of the race is greater than parties. Some of us have been trying to drive that point home for years in vain.

Even so, it is not possible to read some of the reproaches of Nationalist diplomats—as distinct from the purely Party men—without a pang. Two of them are old friends and admirers of Britain, and they had little or no voice in the inner councils of the Nationalist Government insofar as at least its domestic aspects are concerned. They were in no position to determine whether tutelage should go on to the last gasp or to influence the ill-fated negotiations for a peaceful and democratic settlement which came so near to giving Chinese history a new direction away from the old, disastrous rhythm.

The Ambassador to Britain, who is an eminent jurist and non-party man and is held in the deepest respect, said that the Nationalist Government had received its knock-out blow not from its foes but from its friends and former allies. The only alternatives to recognition of the realities which armed force, not diplomatic gestures, has brought about on the Chinese mainland were complete inaction, or armed intervention on a growing scale. They have only to be mentioned to be rejected.

And yet Dr. Cheng speaks truly when he asserted that we shall need each other yet. The Nationalist Government is not very much alive, but many of the principles it professed are, and they have not been buried. Neither Marx nor Lenin, nor for that matter Mao Tse-tung, will have half so much influence on the future of the Chinese people as Sun Yat-sen.

He rejected the Soviet system in his correspondence with Joffe, even before it began to eat its own children and became the total despotism it is today. The economic system he advocated was nearer State Socialism than the extreme forms of Capitalism, but it did call for international aid on a vast scale. His political principles were based on Constitutional Government after a short period of tutelage, and on free institutions reaching far down to the lowest levels of the political structure.

The New Year began with a confusion which is characteristic of the times in which we live. Was January 1, 1950 the beginning of a new half century, or merely the beginning of the last year of the first half century of the twentieth century?

In some countries, including France, it has been officially laid down that this is in fact the start of the new half century. In England the "Observer" has supported them, and says that as far as it is concerned it can be taken from now on as reporting news for the second half century. But the best opinion in England, based on mathematical and historical considerations, seems to be that we must wait for another year of the new period.

Whether or not 1949 ended a half century, everybody at this time is looking back on it. People are making up their minds what it meant to them, both in their private lives and as citizens. This is not as easy to do as is imagined. History organises the thousands of day-to-day events into an orderly pattern which may seem clear enough to the historian when he is able to stand back and see a period in perspective. But when a man is living in the very midst of day events, it is not easy to know the significance of such and how they all fit together.

Take one example. Before 1932 very few people outside Germany knew anything about Hitler. But between 1932 and 1933 a succession of events was occurring in Germany which was to make Hitler and the Nazi regime a possibility. Nobody in England paid much attention to these at the time. Yet Britain knew how they were to affect the lives of every one of them, down a generation in blood, and impoverish countries.

Looking back

What have been the really significant events of 1949? At home the Labour Government began the year optimistically, but thought that it was at last making head against the economic troubles. During the year it was to be deeply disappointed. It had to devalue the pound. It is significant that the mere fact of devaluation did not have quite the same disturbing effect on public opinion as leaving the gold standard in 1931. People have grown used to an unstable pound—just as they have got used to instability in every department of their lives. Yet devaluation was a nasty jolt to the Labour Government, especially as ministers had said so loudly and so often that they would not devalue.

Last year saw the Labour Government trying desperately hard to keep for the people of Great Britain all the material advantages in higher wages, improved health services, food subsidies and so on which they had won in the last decade. It waged this stubborn struggle under the shadow of domestic crisis. An ever diminishing gold reserve threatened the country with national bankruptcy, the breaking up of the sterling bloc, and, with that, the collapse of British foreign policy. The crisis was not new. It had been muttering in the background ever since 1940.

The Labour Government had mastered the technique of producing short-term measures to stave off the crisis from six months to six months. It was

democracy. When force rules in place of freedom they disappear in defeat. Communism destroys even the democracy it reserves at first to its own followers. Mr. George Yeh has said that "every traditional idea of freedom held dear by the British people is compromised" by the recognition of Peking. But it is the recognition of a reality of rule, not of the principles by which that rule is effected.

The risks are there. In Russia it was intervention which consolidated Bolshevism, not recognition. And it is Russian intervention which may prove the Achilles heel of the new regime. There are many outstanding Chinese who served the Nationalist cause, and served it so well that little is left of special privileges—except in Manchuria. They will be needed, even more by their own country than by others, and they will return to repair the poverties of the present. Britain goes back into the arena as the choice between armed intervention and resigning China to her fate. She re-enters as she did nearly a century ago, almost like the Trojan Horse. The Communists don't need to be told that, and not all of them will object—after all didn't they ask for it?

Looking back:

EVENTS TO REMEMBER IN 1949

By "Windrush"

riding a tiger, but as repeatedly when everybody had said that disaster was upon it, managed to save itself, it began, perhaps, to think that the tiger was not so dangerous after all. Some Labour ministers even began to indulge the wish-fantasy that the crisis did not exist and was invented by the "Tory press." Labour successes at by-elections continued to be so spectacular that it was not greatly put out by the Labour defeats in Australia and New Zealand.

Year of decision

As they face the New Year, both Labour and Conservatives know that it must be a year of decision. Every year is regarded by nearly everybody as "decisive" yet there is something undeniably decisive in a year of general election.

In the extent of the swing of opinion in England against Labour is unknown—and perhaps not very great—there is no doubt about the swing in the other countries of Western Europe. There, except in Sweden and Norway, the fashion is now all against "planning." Free enterprise and the liberation of trade are the great objects. But while in economic matters the trend has been away from the trend, slow but unmistakable, has been towards the building up of a loose confederal union.

Perhaps the trend will later be reversed. The movement to Western Union, though it has strength

behind it, has to overcome terrible obstacles. Nevertheless 1949 did see the first meeting of the Council of Europe at Strasbourg. It saw the Atlantic Pact and the concrete planning which is to give it military effect. It saw the widening activity of OEEC. It saw the first steps to the association of West Germany in West Europe, and to a reconciliation of France and Germany.

Russian policy in Europe during the year was more cautious than in 1948. Russia called off the Berlin blockade. Russia spent the year in acute embarrassment because of the continued defiance of Marshal Tito. As long as Tito is not overthrown, he will be the symbol of the possibility of a Communist state which is not subject to Russia.

This is a deadly menace to the present policies of Russia. To counteract Titoism, Russia struck out at all the independent-minded leaders in the satellite states. Rákai of Hungary and Kozlov of Bulgaria were hanged. A mystery hangs over the death of Dimitrov. As a further counter-measure, Russia staged giant demonstrations for the 70th birthday of Stalin.

Easier Year

Even the possession of the atom bomb did not lead Russia to the new, or earlier, outright challenge to the West. Thus 1949 was an easier year internationally. The fear of war receded. But it

did not vanish. It remained in the background. And pessimists remembered that in the early months of 1914 there had been much less apprehension of European war than there was two or three years earlier.

The pessimists suggested also that the real centre of world interest had shifted in 1949 from the West to Asia; and there undoubtedly it was. Russia's year. The 450,000,000 of China, one fifth of the world's population, are now well under the Communist wing. South East Asia, even India and Pakistan, are in danger. If Mao Tse-tung chooses to wage an international Communist offensive in the East, can he be stopped? Perhaps he can—but the toughest force against him is old-fashioned nationalism, which is apt to be a barren and unconstructive thing.

Some Communists are already jubilant. Suppose the 12 hundred and more million of Asians or Communists, can anything prevent the whole world becoming communist? Their jubilation is rather premature. Admittedly, a Communist Asia would be a great accession of strength, and still more of prestige, to Communism. But in contexts of power and culture, it is economic. Even the whole of Asia is not strong economically.

West Europe and the United States of America are still the great centre of economic and industrial power in the world. As long as they are outside the Communist system, Communism will remain a minority movement in the world.

Drinks on the house for U.S.

If only Americans would acquire Britain's taste for beer and insist on slaking their thirst with British beer, most of Britain's dollar difficulties would dissolve in draughts of old and mild.

That sobering thought provides one bit of the background to Britain's hardest problem—how to sell more goods to the U.S. and sell more U.S. goods to Britain—because it pinpoints one basic difference between the habits of the two countries, and because something is now being done to discover whether there is a large-scale market for British beer in the U.S.

Finding out is going to cost several thousands of pounds, mostly in dollars.

And the way it is being tackled shows a new approach to the American market.

Several hundreds of cases of beer will be shipped to the U.S. and distributed to sample cities and towns, there to be passed across the counter of selected bars—free.

And as the customers take their pulls, experts will be waiting to hear about their reactions, to find out how many Americans liked it and how many smiled appreciatively and said "Same again."

Scores of other British products have already been tested under this same approach, tested not just here and there, but within a carefully-conceived, zonal plan which makes sure that a particular item is tried out in the area where it is most likely to appeal.

Many have received favourable reactions. A light-weight British motor-cycle was one of the first successes, and are now selling well; others have failed.

If the beer test is a success—and the test is severe, for a product at once or an evening pint in the local bar is not a particularly big order for British beer.

Many people say: "But isn't this the way we have always tried to market new lines in the U.S.?"

'Death' of a salesman

Also, no. When the need for dollar business became urgent too many firms tried to get orders in the U.S. simply by sending over top-flight salesmen, without preparing the ground, without doing any research.

The way a rumour starts

In these days of devaluation, austerity, and possible elections, almost anything can start a rumour. Even more so, in partitioned Germany where an advertisement in a Hamburg paper recently convinced the East Germans that the Western Allies were secretly forming a new German air force equipped with jet fighters and the latest jet bombers.

From the paper concerned, correspondent Antony Terry quotes the advertisement: "Former Luftwaffe personnel with flying experience are invited to write to..." British airline official explained that it had nothing to do with any new German airforce. Instead, it was merely an attempt by civilian airlines to form their own

Those unprepared trips to the United States were the "death" of many a British salesman.

The great merchant houses, the great trading firms which have had long experience of the American market, did not make these mistakes. But too many newcomers did, and it was to help

By John Hall

them that the old-established banking house of Hambro's formed a trading organisation which is now directing scientific and vigorous assaults on the American-Canadian markets.

The North American side of the organisation was built around Hambro's men with lifelong banking experience.

Shepherding new lines

The services were secured of Americans who make a profession of testing whether new products will "take on" and the amount of salesmanship and promotion that will be necessary to make it go in a big way.

Hambro's have built a sales organisation to shepherd each new line into North America, to see that each line gets a centre-of-the-shop-window position in the likeliest zone. (The North American continent is 150,000,000 people differ enormously in their racial background, in the climates in which they live, and in their incomes and tastes), and to maintain servicing and follow-up work.

In Britain they invited British manufacturers to try this new way. They said: "Show us your goods and we will tell you immediately whether we think they will sell in North America. If we think they will, then we are prepared to stand in with you fifty-fifty on the preliminary job of getting expert American researchers to make tests."

They handle goods abroad

That was a big help in two ways: first, because it saved manufacturers a lot of money, and second, since Hambro's have built up big dollar resources, it saved the British Treasury dollars.

STRIKE OVER

The Old Accra, January 8. The Chief Coast Trades Union Congress has decided to terminate next Wednesday a general strike which officially began yesterday. The object of the strike was to compel Britain to grant Dominion status to the Gold Coast and to secure the reinstatement of Government workers dismissed last November—Tutor.



Anyway, one consolation is that Dave Jones didn't go to his locker.

And as the Americans say: Thank God they've got a navy...

Mythake. That was the trouble: they thought the minefields were a myth, but forgot that gunboats may not miss.

"Chinese Communists have good points, but also bad ones." How very unlike ordinary people!

A report states that Hollywood stars are now being offered a choice of the films they would like to make. They can have either Technicolor or plot.

Go Chase yourself. Judging by yesterday's banditry in Hong Kong, it seems there are ways of getting a few lakhs that even the Nationalist overlooked.

Circus ring in England becomes a church. We used to have a popular preacher in London who packed 'em in by reversing the process.

Myrtle's grandfather defines a bachelor as a man who can have a woman on his knees without having her on his hands.

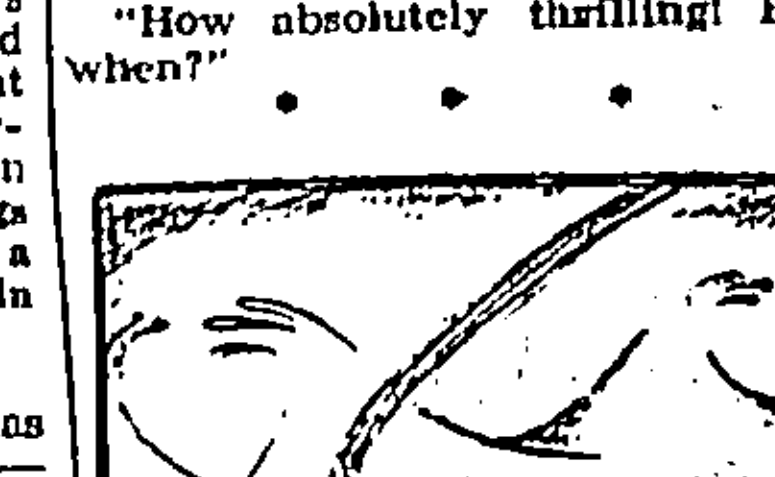
"Chiang makes last stand on mountain." Swept up by the ruddy tide.

"Just think," said the conceited boxer, "thousands of listeners will tune in to this fight tonight." "Yes," replied his manager, "and they'll know the result at least 10 seconds before you will."

"Ice cream sellers fight." Another cold war.

"Madam," said the fortune-teller, "you should be very happy. A nobler and more handsome man than your husband you have yet to meet."

"How absolutely thrilling! But when?"



"I wish I had taken that nice steady job at the bank!"

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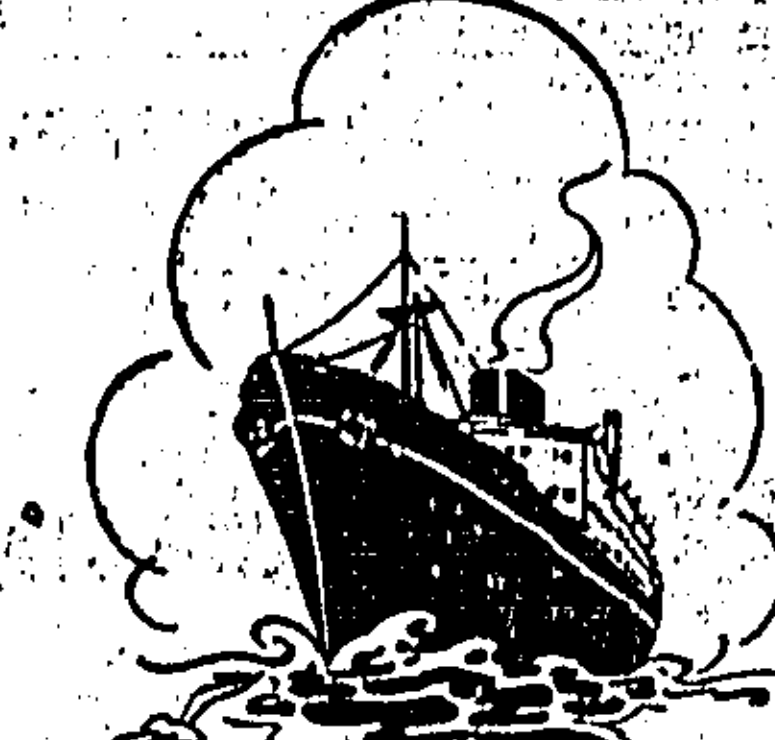
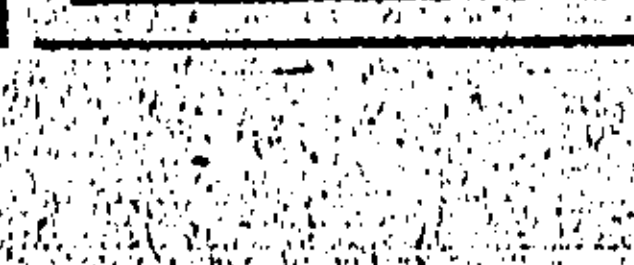
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PREVENTION OF WAR COLOMBO TALKS' AIM

Important meeting of Empire Ministers COMBATING COMMUNISM

Colombo, January 8.

A British Cabinet official declared today that the outstanding problem for the Commonwealth foreign relations conference opening here on Monday is how to stop a Third World War.

Mr. Philip Noel Baker, the Secretary of State for Commonwealth relations, told a news conference that great importance will be attached to building up resistance against authoritarianism by adjusting the economy of the Commonwealth to meet the situation.

Other delegates see the spread of Communism throughout Asia and a peace treaty with Japan as vital subjects.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who arrived today, called the meeting a very vital and important conference for the Commonwealth and the world as a whole. A late arrival was the Indian Prime Minister, Jawahar Lal Nehru.

The conflict between the Communist and non-Communist worlds is the outstanding issue before the Conference.

The outline of a five-point agenda is known to have been prepared for the political discussion. But the convention adopted at previous Commonwealth conferences, since the end of the war, affecting any member to raise any question, will almost certainly result in additional formal talks.

The political agenda covers five main fields:

1. The general international situation.
2. China.
3. The situation in South East Asia in the light of the spread of Communism to China.
4. The Japanese peace treaty.
5. The situation in Europe (Britain's relationship to the current European scheme for political reconstruction).

PI WILL RECOGNISE PEKING

San Francisco, January 8.

Mr. Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, forecast today that his Government will eventually recognize the Chinese Communist regime.

The forecast was made when he arrived here by air on his way to the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore for a kidney operation.

Replying to reporters who asked him whether the Philippines would recognize the Chinese Communists, President Quirino said, "Eventually, certainly."

"If they get complete control of the country and if the Government is accepted by the people and if they can maintain law and order as recognized by international law, you cannot help but recognize the Government."

President Quirino did not give any hint as to when recognition might be granted.

"The matter is under consideration" was all he said.

He declined to comment on Taiwan.

Asked whether he would ask United States generals to increase American bases in the Philippines, President Quirino said that his trip was purely in the interests of his health and any conferences would be purely incidental.

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MARSHALL AID IN AFRICA--

Washington, January 8.

President Truman's "Fourth Point"—American investment in "backward" areas—is now being directly implemented in British Central Africa through Marshall Aid contributions, a report published in its journal by the United States Department of Commerce stated here today.

Contributions have already been made toward mineral research in British Central Africa, and for specific mineral production projects— notably cobalt in Northern Rhodesia. This use of ECA (Marshall Aid) funds is of particular significance to British Central Africa, the report said.

Progress had been made, the report continued, in unifying and developing British Central Africa. In one project, the Economic Co-operation Administration earmarked US\$1,500,000 to pay the salaries and dollar expenses of 60 American surveyors for whose recruitment the United States Geological Survey made itself responsible.

Scientific missions had been sent by the ECA to British Africa, including the Rhodesias and Nyasaland, to assist activities in agriculture, veterinary work and tropical disease and research, the report said.

In the field of transport, the ECA had approved the project for building a railway between Rhodesia and East Africa. This called for both financial and technical assistance under the Marshall Plan, the report added.

"The region as a whole presents promising opportunities for the employment of long-term American capital. A more widespread knowledge of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland and their economic potentialities should contribute to a greater interest on the part of American investors."

"Much more in the way of American aid is needed to meet all capital goods and technical assistance requirements. Such assistance will undoubtedly have to come primarily from private enterprise," the report said.

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No reply received from Peking regime

London, January 8.

The Foreign Office said tonight it has received no reply to its two-day-old offer to recognize the Communist Government of China.

The Foreign Office spokesman declined comment on the possibility that Communist leader Mao Tse-tung's Government might try to bargain with Britain before accepting diplomatic recognition.

Privately, other official sources said the delay in a response from Peking is not unexpected. They pointed out that communications are slow and that in the past, Chinese Communist reaction to major developments was usually delayed from three days to a week.

Associated Press.

Peking demands expulsion of KMT delegation

London, January 8.

Communist China told the Security Council members of the United Nations tonight that Nationalist China's representatives there are illegal and demanded their immediate expulsion.

The demand was contained in a telegram.

In a radio despatch monitored in London, the Peking News said the telegram was sent to the United Nations President, Brigadier-General Carlos P. Romulo, the UN Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie and nations belonging to the Security Council.

Under the system of rotating the chairmanship of the Council, Nationalist China's delegate is due to preside over January sessions.

The message, signed by the Communist Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, was directed to General Romulo, Mr. Lie and the United Nations delegations of Soviet Russia, the United States, France, the United Kingdom, Ecuador, India, Cuba, Egypt and Norway, the news agency said.

Expulsion asked

It said: "This is to inform you that the Central Government of the People's Republic of China holds as illegal the presence of the delegates of the Chinese Kuomintang reactionary clique in the Security Council."

"The position of the Central Government is that the said delegates be expelled from the Security Council."

"It is hoped that this position be adopted and action be taken accordingly."—Associated Press.

UK ELECTION PREDICTION

Buxton, January 8.

A Labour Member of Parliament, Sir Richard Acland, today joined those who predict Britain's next general election will be on February 23.

Replying to a question at a rally here, he said, "Do you want a Government to plan social justice at a time of difficulty or don't you? That is the kind of thing you have to decide on February 23."

Conservative leaders have been alerted for a February 23 election because of reports that the Labour Party has reserved many public auditoriums for the previous night.

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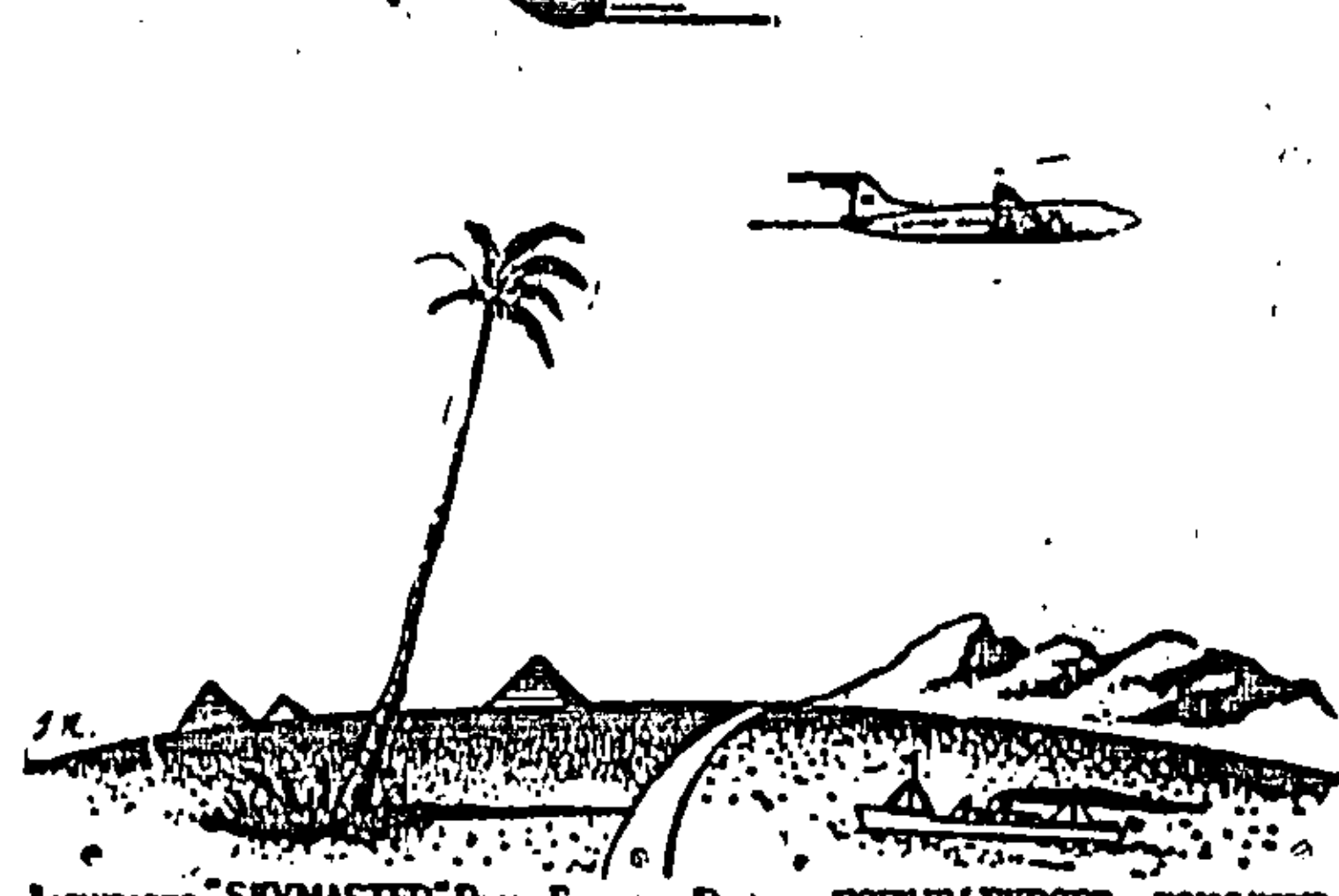
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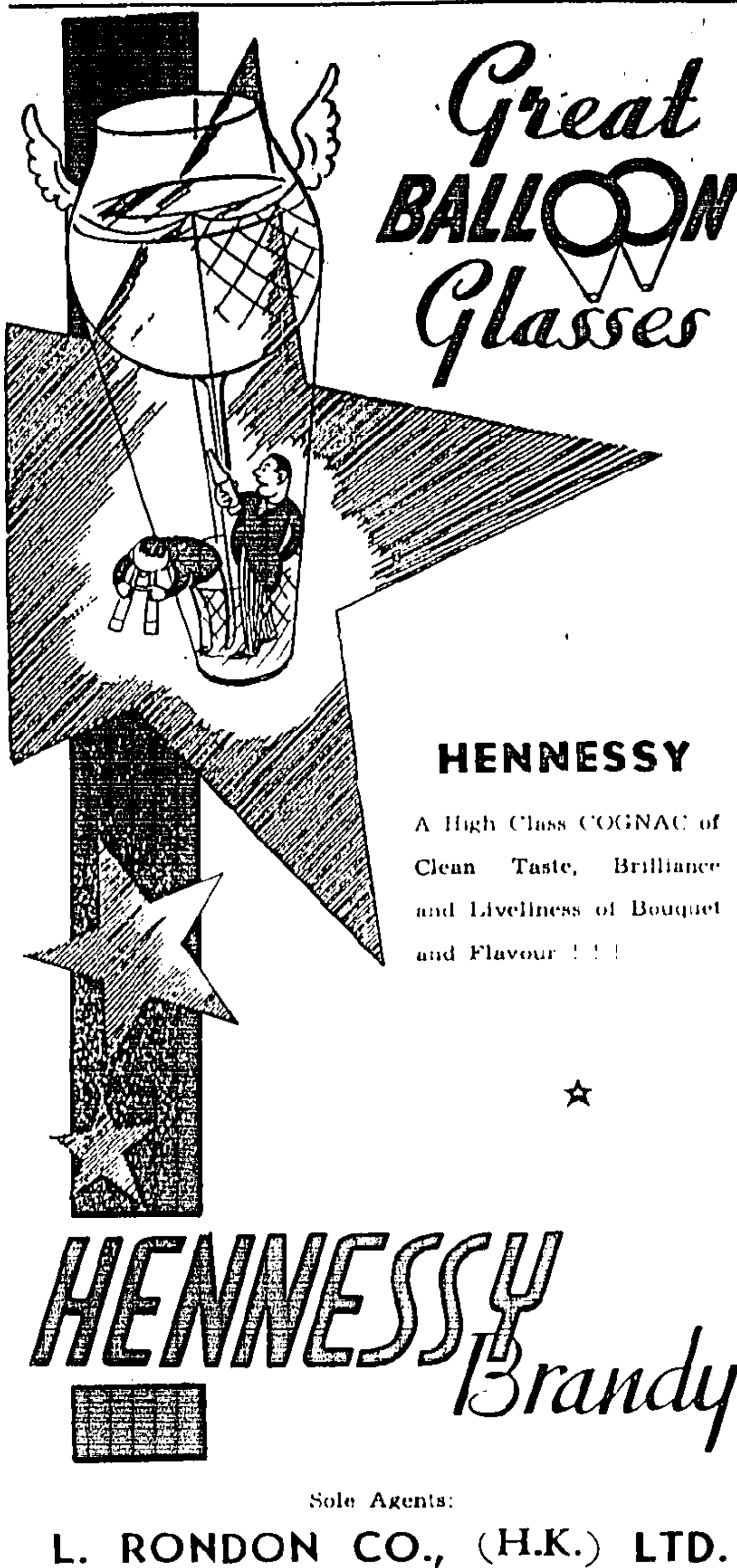
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U.S.-Japan alliance discussed

Tokyo, January 8. General Douglas MacArthur and Dr. Philip Jessup, State Department Roving Ambassador, have discussed the possibility of a Japanese-American alliance under which the United States would agree to defend this distressed country. It is expected that General MacArthur will pursue the subject further when the American Joint Chiefs of Staff visit Tokyo early next month.

"WAR BOUND TO COME"

Muhlheim, January 8. Pastor Martin Niemöller said here today that the present political situation is bound to result in war.

"In Berlin one has the feeling of walking on hot lava," Pastor Niemöller added. He has just returned from a visit to Berlin. Pastor Niemöller continued saying: "It is not a step towards peace if the West is binding itself to the Atlantic Pact or if the Eastern Zone (of Germany) is joining the Russians. This only creates the third national front."

"I am of the opinion that there can be no peace as long as the present split exists."

To further peace, the point to begin with is the Iron Curtain, Pastor Niemöller said. He claimed that his previous statements on the German problem had been misunderstood.

Last month he proposed that the United Nations should take over control of Germany which would cause the collapse of the Iron Curtain, at least in Germany.

He added today that the impressions he had gained in Berlin during his recent visit confirmed that the stand he had taken was correct. Reuter.

NEHRU CANCELS ELECTIONS

New Delhi, January 8. In view of disturbed conditions in Calcutta and some other parts of West Bengal, the Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru tonight in a statement announced reversal of his earlier decision to hold general elections in West Bengal early this year.

Pandit Nehru's former decision was announced as a solution to general discontent in West Bengal, opposition to the Provincial Government and general instability of local ministries.—Associated Press

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Victims of flood



Messages from Famagusta, Cyprus, say that 150 are homeless, one dead and many missing in recent heavy floods which hit the area. Men from the Royal Navy vessel Salntes helped in relief and rescue work. Photo shows relatives of a flood victim comforting a distraught woman near Famagusta. (Associated Press Photo).

THE NEW DELHI "PEACE DRAFT"

New York, January 8. Under the heading "A New Delhi Peace Draft," the New York "Times" said in an editorial today that the proposed "No-War" agreement between India and Pakistan "should effect some easement of the situation, and that is all to the good."

It added, "Such a pact in itself, however, will not solve the problems that are at the root of the corrosive friction between the two Dominions."

"At best it would be a reaffirmation of the intention to pursue peaceful methods to which each of the States is already pledged. In addition to their commitments, under the United Nations, they have entered upon a true agreement in the Kashmir area and that agreement, in the main, has been honoured."

"Their strife, however, in other fields has not abated. Trade warfare with its noxious embargo is going on. The Kashmir case is still dead-locked, this time by India's refusal to accept the United Nations proposal to which Pakistan agreed."

"The adjustment of currencies is further away than ever and each State is making efforts to find from other sources the economic means that should be readily, if mutually, available."

"It is apparent that at the bottom of such a situation lies a considerable body of mistrust and ill-will," continued the editorial.

"This is profoundly unfortunate, since the Dominions have every need for the maximum of good faith and good feeling in their dealings with each other. Each can profit most if their societies are fully complementary."

"Each suffers acutely by the division between them. If the newly proposed pact can remove some of the mistrust, it will have accomplished an important purpose. It should be the first step towards building up a broad basis of real friendship."

"Once that is achieved, the various adjustments can be made."—Reuter.

PORTUGAL HIT BY STORM

Lisbon, January 8. A fierce storm with near-cyclonic winds battered the Atlantic coast of Portugal today and at least one ship radioed for help.

Ports along the long coast were jammed with ships seeking refuge.—United Press.

Fighter escorts

The United States bomber strength is believed at present to be concentrated well down in the Pacific on Guam Island. Only

AMERICA CONVERTING JAPAN INTO FORWARD MILITARY-NAVAL BASE

Tokyo, January 9. Three air bases and one naval base, together with training areas for four divisions, are expected to be the minimum United States defence requirements in Japan after the peace treaty. United States military measures to convert Japan from an occupied enemy country into a vital forward base for possible use against Russia are now under way.

Four divisions already stationed here are training strenuously to attain top-level combat effectiveness by July 31, 1950.

American planners have apparently finally decided that Japan would have at least a short term strategic value in any future war with Russia.

Early this year, the former Army Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Royal, told correspondents that Japan would be a liability rather than an asset to the United States in the event of war.

The problem of how to support 80,000,000 Japanese "Allies" would make them of doubtful value, he declared.

In October, however, General J. Lawton Collins, the United States Army Chief of Staff, indicated a different view during a visit to Japan. "American forces in Japan have a stabilising influence on the entire Far East," he said. "We intend to keep them here as long as necessary."

Early in December, the Army Under-Secretary, Mr. Tracey Voorhees, with two Washington staff generals, visited Japan. According to usually well-informed sources in Tokyo, their main mission was to seek the views of American military leaders on the spot regarding the minimum United States requirements in Japan.

These requirements will be incorporated in a five or ten-year American-Japanese military alliance, which is expected to accompany the Japanese peace treaty.

B-36 base

When peace is signed, American Service Headquarters are expected to disappear from major Japanese cities such as Tokyo, Yokohama and Kyoto. The some 120,000 troops at present stationed in Japan will be deployed round important outlying bases.

For the Far East United States Air Force, these bases are likely to be Misawa, at the Northern tip of Honshu Island, Yokota, 33 miles North West of Tokyo, and Itazuke, on the Southernmost Kyushu Island.

Misawa has been developed at great expense since the surrender into one of the largest aerodromes in Japan. It is believed here to have been designed primarily to carry America's super B-36 bomber.

Four hundred miles South of Japan, the key air base of Okinawa also has runways capable of taking B-36 bombers. Four of the 26 strips which lace the Ryukyu Islands are at present usable. Two of these are at Naha and Kagami, respectively, and there are two others in reserve.

This island are through the Ryukyu and Japan Proper would provide the United States with forward airfields from which to hit the Communist Asian mainland in the event of war.

The United States bomber strength is believed at present to be concentrated well down in the Pacific on Guam Island. Only

fighters inhabit Misawa, Yokota, Itazuke, Naha and Kagami.

The plan is to have them ready to defend these important bases and be ready to escort, at least part of the way, the heavy bombers which can be moved up at short notice from the safer depths of the Pacific.

A small fighter base at Sapporo, on Hokkaido Island, which is uncomfortably close to Siberia, has been abandoned.

Fighters in Japan comprise both jet and conventional powered aircraft. Australia has one squadron of Mustangs stationed at Iwakuni, in Southern Honshu, where they have an operational role in the defence of the island.

Yokosuke, the giant naval base at the mouth of Tokyo Bay, is the one believed to be coveted by the United States Navy. Bomb-shattered debris has been removed from this base, which once covered four square miles.

Today, in an area of one square mile or so, a highly efficient naval arsenal is concentrated. Dry docks there will take the largest ship in the United States Navy, while giant overhead cranes have been repaired and modern repair machinery has been built up.

Four divisions

Yokosuke would not only be a valuable naval base. It would also be the port through which the United States would supply and maintain Air Force and Army units remaining in Japan.

The United States Navy would probably also desire continued access to such bases as Kure, Maizuru and Sasebo.

The United States has made no secret of the fact that its Eighth Army in Japan is made up of four divisions. The 24th Infantry Division is stationed on Kyushu Island, the 25th in the Osaka area, the 26th in the Tokyo area, and the 27th in the Honshu area.

When hard-hitting, straight-talking General Walton Walker took over command of the Eighth Army late in 1948, he set out to toughen a force which had "gone soft" under the occupation.

Latest weapons

Combat units were weak owing to the number of troops engaged on such tasks as administrative work, guard duty and supervision of civil affairs, while combat efficiency, dependent on manpower, weapons and training, was low.

General Walker set out to restore his army to a combat footing. Troops were pulled out of offices, relieved of such tasks as guarding, the Emperor's Palace and supervising dependent housing, to bring their units up to strength again.

A smooth flow of replacements from the United States was effected in place of the previously ragged arrangements. Units were re-armed with the latest United States equipment, including recoilless weapons.

By July, 1949, the four divisions were ready for a strenuous one-year training programme designed to bring them up to a degree of combat effectiveness "to meet any emergency for a sustained period."

Elementary individual training of the soldiers, many of them young and raw recruits from the United States, has been followed by platoon, company and battalion exercises.

Primary rôle

All ranks, including even those at 8th Army Headquarters, have been out in the field toughening up, sleeping in "pup" tents and facing the rigours of Japan's Northern winter.

Amphibious division and corps exercises are to be held before the 8th Army reaches its desired level of combat preparedness by the middle of 1950.

For the 8th Army's primary rôle is to ensure the defence of the whole Japanese archipelago—a responsibility which the United States will undertake for Japan in return for bases and the right to station troops here.

A secondary rôle is to help stabilise affairs in this country and throughout the Far East generally after the Japanese peace treaty.—Reuter.

CHURCH SERVICE IN CIRCUS

Birmingham, January 8. The circus ring became an altar here today, and off in the distant cages the tigers and griffins heard strange music from the circus band—hymns.

The Reverend Bryan Green, Rector of St. Martin's Parish Church, his regular Sunday morning service to Bingley Hall, where a small circus is exhibiting.

At the ring-side sat the clowns, unpainted, and the acrobats dressed today like any other churchgoers. In the rest of the hall were 2,000 townspeople, including about 1,000 members of St. Martin's Parish. There was a pungent smell of animals in the air, but they couldn't be seen and had no direct part in the service.

The Reverend Green preached under the spotlight that normally is trained on the trapeze, and his text was "I am the Light of the World."

"I hadn't figured on one thing," said the clergyman later. "Whenever I passed from one phase of the service to another, the band gave me a mighty fanfare. The leader explained later that it was the usual manner of introducing a new act."

There was singing by boys of St. Martin's choir and for them an exciting incident was a visit to the animals after the service. Having a religious service on a circus lot is really an old English custom which had fallen into disuse lately, the Reverend Green explained.

"I hope the custom is revived," he said, "and I must emphasise it was not a case of the Church going out of its way to preach to the good circus people. Today we worshipped with them, praising God together."

The Reverend Green will leave for the United States on January 23 at the invitation of Episcopal Bishop Henry Wise Hobson of Southern Ohio. He will preach at Dayton and Columbus.—Associated Press.

Polar rescue effort

Puntarenas, January 8. The Chilean patrol boat Lientur will try to rescue 11 British Antarctic scientists marooned for two years on Stonington Island off the coast of Graham land peninsula, some time towards the end of January.

The Chileans hope to emulate their famous Pinar Fardo in the lighthouse tender Yelcho, who rescued Sir Ernest Shackleton's men from Elephant Island.

The Antarctic expedition will cross Drake Sea tomorrow unless heavy weather comes up, when it will ride it out in Orange Bay on the Beagle Straits. The expedition expects to relieve garrisoned at Soberania Bay and O'Higgins Base on January 17 and 18, then proceed to Port Base.

Lientur will then leave the flotilla and steam further Southward if ice barrier conditions permit in the hope of reaching Stonington Island. The Chilean patrol boat Lantaro tried it last year without success. The Lientur has been specially equipped for the task.—United Press.

JAP SOLDIERS IN MANCHURIA

Tokyo, January 9. More than 5,000 Japanese soldiers and civilians are still hiding from the Chinese Communists in Manchurian mountains, the newspaper "Mainichi" said today.

The paper stated that another 4,500 Japanese men and 1,000 Japanese women have been drafted into Communist army service in Peking, Tientsin and other big troop centres.

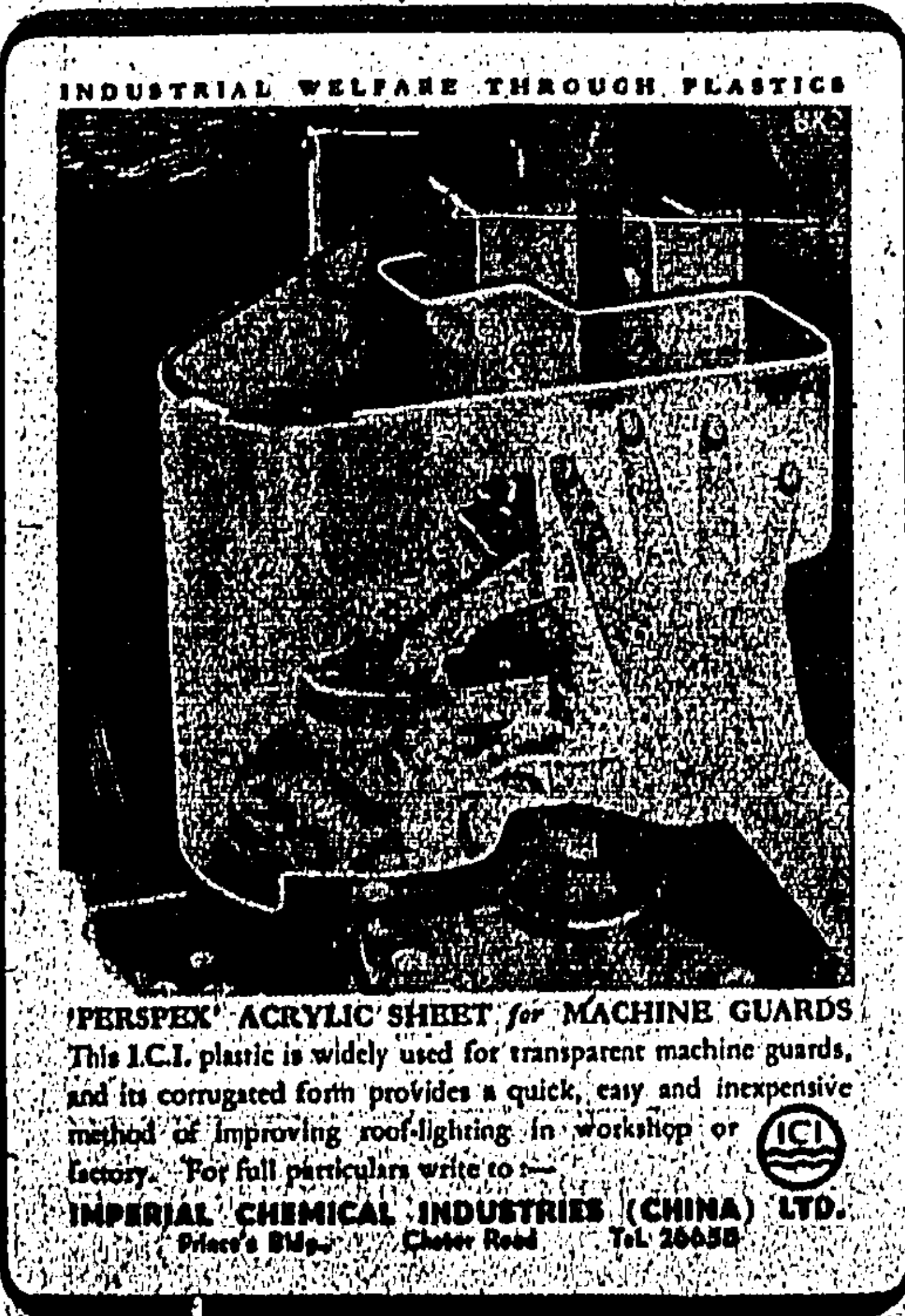
The newspaper claimed that more than 30,000 Japanese civilians are interned in Manchuria.—Reuter.

NEW PRODUCER FOR COLUMBIA

New York, January 8. Louis de Rochemont, producer of the prize-winning film "Lost Boundaries," will produce films exclusively for Columbia Pictures during the next three years.

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Guides put on a show



Egyptian and visiting Girl Guides put on a local Jamboree in the grounds of the Egyptian Royal Agricultural Society in Cairo. The Jamboree marked the visit of Lady Baden Powell, World Chief Guide. Among the national units was a group of British guides. Faces blackened for a special Jamboree show. British guides smile happily. (Associated Press Photo).

MADAME CHIANG MAKES ATTACK ON BRITAIN

Chiang asylum in U.S.?

Washington, January 8. Diplomatic quarters here believe that the United States will offer political asylum to Chiang Kai-shek when and if the Generalissimo is driven out of Taiwan.

They are equally convinced that he will not accept it unless it is the only way in which he can escape the ignominious death pronounced here by the Chinese Red who have listed him "Wanted No. 1."

The prevailing opinion is that Taiwan will fall probably within the year and that Chiang and his wife, who have fled to the United States in a speech in New York today, will go to the Philippines.

There are rumours that he has sounded out his close friend, President Quirino of the Philippines, about refuge there.

Diplomats familiar with Chiang say he will never give up his fight to wrest China from Communists.

Exile would mean a quiet period in which to plot and prepare for the day when he can once more lead a Chinese army into Peking.

The Generalissimo is pictured as embittered with the United States because American aid was cut off and because of the sharp criticism heaped upon him by the Truman administration United Press.

BANDIT KILLED

Palermo, January 8. The police shot down one of the most dangerous bandits of the Sicilian Mafia, Salvatore Guzzano, after a long battle on the outskirts of Palermo.

The dead bandit was Calogero Guzzano, wanted for 11 murders and on 17 other charges.

He was caught in an ambush by special "anti-bandit" police forces operating around Guzzano's mountain hide-out.—Reuters.

Nigeria political split possibility

Ibadan, West Nigeria, January 8. African politicians, gathering here this week-end, will tomorrow begin debating constitutional changes which—according to some observers—may ultimately split the country into two.

They came in from all parts of Nigeria to this West province capital, the second largest African city, for a general conference to debate the Constitution.

Usually reliable sources here understand that political agitation in Eastern and Western Nigeria for self-government for the whole country which followed the death by police fire of 21 sit-down strikers at the Enugu Colliery, has stiffened resistance in the Northern areas to a compromise agreement.

In the North, political feeling is reported to favour remaining aloof from the manoeuvres of the Nationalist Parties in the Southern (combined Eastern and Western) regions.

If this difference of opinion flares into heated debate at the Ibadan political conference, the Northern and Southern regions may tell Britain they would pre-

fer to progress almost separately toward full self-government.

This, it is believed, would inevitably delay Nigeria's political development.

Nigeria consists of the colony—a small coastal strip, including Lagos—and the Protectorate, consisting of three main divisions. These are the Northern, Eastern and Western Provinces.

The North, in recommendations under consideration since last October by a special Drafting Committee, has asked that the British-ruled Central Legislative Council should remain more or less in its existing form under a revised Constitution, except that the three regions should be granted a large measure of individual autonomy.

The West has asked for almost Dominion status and a strong Federal Government. The East and the colony of Lagos, favour a compromise between these two demands.—Reuters.

YEN HSI-SHAN SEES

MASTER PLAN FOR SOVIETISATION OF WHOLE OF ASIA

Taipei, January 8.

The Nationalist Government has received information that the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, and Premier Josef Stalin are working on a master plan to Sovietise all of Asia, the Premier, Yen Hsi-shan, said today.

Mao has been in Moscow since December 16.

Marshal Yen said in an interview that he had documented evidence smuggled out of the Chinese Communist capital of Peking by underground sources, giving details of the secret negotiations by which the two Communist leaders hope to spread Soviet domination throughout the Far East.

The Premier, former warlord in Central China, said the conceived plan would provide aid for Sovietising the Chinese mainland and military assistance to Far East areas where armed Communists are operating against the existing governments and underground subversive work in areas where there is not an open conflict such as India.

Marshal Yen said that Mao proposed that Stalin send 50,000 secret agents to China to "super-charge" the establishment of relations with international Communists and fellow travellers.

Some of them would devote themselves to economic activities for the main purpose of grabbing the British and American market in China.

Gradual process

He said one of the overall aims of the programme would be to "bring about world revolution in South East Asia not by starting World War III but by a gradual liberation process which in time would lead to world Sovietisation of secondary areas, such as China, Malaya, and the Philippines, where Communists are already active, and to build up and support revolutions with more arms and technical advice."

"The supply lines would pass through the North West to China and then to India, China and Malaya, Canton and Kanton would be the Russian bases of operation."

Marshal Yen said finally that Mao and Stalin planned to con-



MARSHAL YEN HSI-SHAN

centrate an underground of subversive but unarmed activity in India "which the Communists believe to be the key to final success."

Chief target

The Premier added, "Half a million Indians already in the Communist camp would be utilized to exert pressure on 120,000,000 under-privileged Indians considered susceptible to Communist influence."

"One part of the scheme calls for each of the 500,000 Indian Communists to make five new 'converts'."

Marshal Yen said that India has been the chief Communist target. "If it fails the Communist camp the whole of the Far East will fall like ripe fruit when they shake the tree."

He said the Indian recognition of Peking would facilitate the Indian Communist programme by making possible legal entry of all agents that the Communists want to send in.

He added that outside China, the Russians would not show themselves and all work would be left to the Chinese and Indian Communists.—United Press.

Peking to organise navigation

San Francisco, January 8. Navigation service along the North China coast, the Yangtze and other inland waters will be organized in the first half of 1950 while preliminary steps will be taken to restore nationwide navigation and inaugurate international shipping services after the "liberation of Taiwan," the Communist radio in Peking reported tonight.

The Chinese Communist authorities' highway construction plan includes the repairing or rebuilding of more than 6,000 miles of motor roads, the Radio said.

A Navigation Bureau and a Highway Bureau will be established under the Ministry of Communications. It is added. The two Bureaux will work towards unification in the direction of navigation and highway communication work.—Reuters.

VIET NAM LEADER CAPTURED

Hanoi, January 8.

An official announcement said today that French troops had captured Vu Hong Khan, Viet Nam leader who refused to surrender after fleeing from China into Indo-China with 2,000 Chinese Nationalist troops.

The capture took place South West of Langson, a town on the China-Indo-China border.

The group fled into the mountains after refusing to let themselves be disarmed.

There they were attacked by French troops and planes. Lack of supplies finally forced their surrender.

Officials said it has not yet been decided what action will be taken against Vu Hong Khan.

Vu was declared an outlaw after his refusal to accept internment with other Nationalist groups who have crossed the frontier from China.—Associated Press.

Wartime currency litigation

Singapore, January 8. A group of Malayan businessmen plan to file a suit in the High Court of Singapore or the Federal Government demanding that the Government exchange some Straits \$400,000 worth of Japanese "banana" currency which it holds.

The businessmen claim the suit is a test case and any their action results from legal advice. If necessary, they said, the case will be appealed to the Privy Council in London.

The group also has made representations to General Douglas MacArthur in Tokyo. The General is reported to have told them that all claims against the Japanese Government would have to be filed in the countries of the claimants.

The businessmen say people gained possession of Japanese occupation money in exchange either for goods or labour. They also cite the case of the Netherlands East Indies where the "banana" money was said to have been taken in exchange at three per cent.—Associated Press.

COUNCIL MEETS IN PEKING

San Francisco, January 8. The fifth meeting of the Communist Chinese Central People's Government Council was held in Peking on Saturday, a Communist broadcast said tonight.

During the meeting the Communist Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, presented a report on diplomatic matters.

The meeting also heard a report on the work that is being done in North West China.

"It ratified the Postal and Telecommunication Agreements between 'Red' China and Korea, the Radio said.—Reuters.

TRAIN DERAILED

Manila, January 8. Six passenger cars of the Bleed Express left the tracks about 80 miles South East of Manila yesterday, but the hundreds of passengers on board escaped injury.

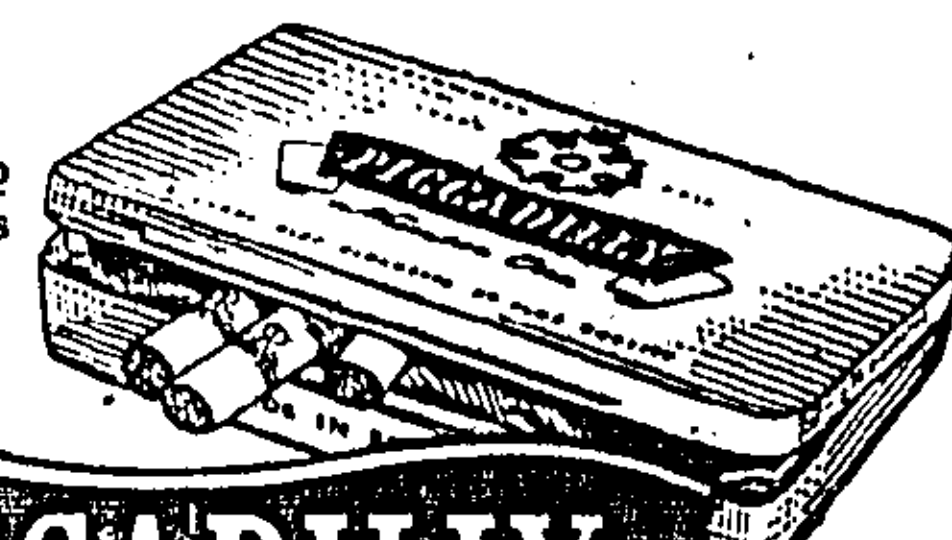
Displacement of 200 feet, of rails was ascribed to loose earth which collapsed beneath the weight of the train.—Associated Press.



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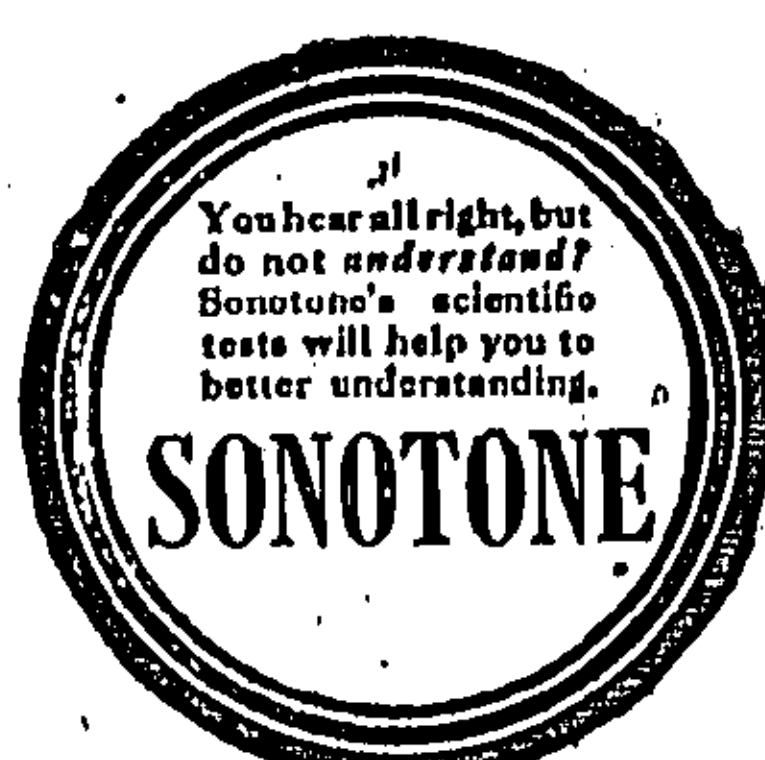
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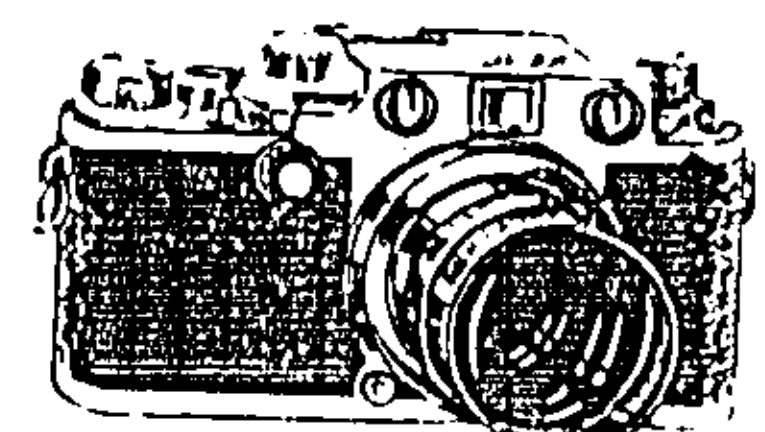
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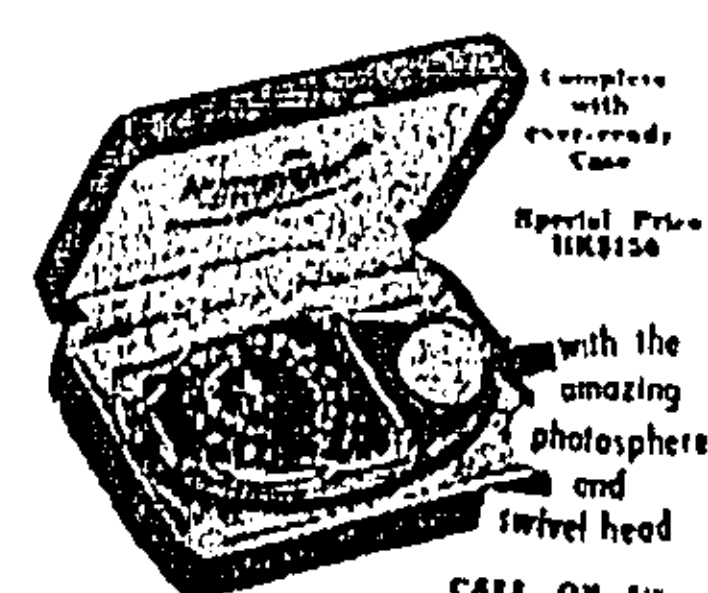
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Soviet delaying tactics on Austrian treaty

London, January 8.

The Big Four Foreign Ministers' deputies will reassemble here early this week for another try at breaking the deadlock in their discussions over the Austrian peace treaty.

It will be their 247th meeting since drafting of the peace treaty was started three years ago, in the middle of January 1947, but prospects for early agreement remain dismal.

Only five articles of minor importance remain to be settled, but the Russians refused to discuss them at the deputies' meeting last month in New York pending the outcome of direct negotiations in Vienna on Soviet claims for post-war supplies rendered to Austria.

Austrian proposals for settlement so far have remained unanswered by Moscow.

With all the major issues of the draft treaty out of the way, the participating Western powers—the United States, Britain and France—consider that final settlement could be reached without further delay, provided Russia is ready to abandon her stalling policy.

There is no indication that she is prepared to do so.

The western diplomats find no reason inherent in the draft

treaty itself that would block agreement and believe the delaying Russian moves are therefore motivated by reason outside the treaty.

The chief reason is believed to be the fact that completion of the treaty would require the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Austria. Recent developments in Yugoslavia and the latest trends of Communist policy are seen among such probable reasons for the Soviet delaying moves. The remaining five clauses of the draft treaty include:

Austrian debts

1. Question of repayment to Russia of civilian supplies and services to Austria, estimated at a few million dollars.

2. Articles dealing with Austrian debts.

3. Question of restitution of United Nations property.

4. Displaced persons and refugees.

5. A clause in Article 27 concerning employment of foreign technicians.

Russia had once indicated that agreement on the much-disputed question of German assets would open the way to speedy settlement of these outstanding clauses, but last month the Soviet forced termination of the deputies' talks in New York by refusing to discuss the remaining five clauses until it had reached a bilateral agreement with the Austrian Government on the Soviet claim for supplies and services rendered to Austria largely in the early occupation days. They involve food supplies, and repairs to bridges. Bilateral talks have been in progress since September of last year.

The Soviets so far have not indicated whether they will have instructions to proceed with the talks when the deputies reconvene on Monday or Tuesday in London. Agreement reached in earlier negotiations, both in the Paris meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers in May and June of last year and in subsequent talks of the deputies, covers the following major points:

Old frontiers

1. Austria shall retain her pre-annexation frontiers of January 1, 1938, but undertake to safeguard the rights of her Slovene and Croat minorities.

2. Yugoslavia to retain former Austrian property in her territory.

3. Russia to receive from Austria US\$150,000,000 in convertible currency to be paid over six years.

4. Russia to obtain 60 per cent of oil concession areas in Austria for extraction and exploration for 30 years and property in the satellite countries of the Danube Shipping Company together with the Company's former property in Eastern Austria.

The four powers will be represented at the London talks by Samuel Reber for the United States, Ivor Mallet for Britain, Marcel Berthelot for France and Georgi Zarubin for Russia. The meeting originally was fixed for Monday, but was postponed until Tuesday because of a possible delay in the arrival of the French representative.—United Press.

CRIPPS PREACHES SERMON

London, January 8.

The vast St. Paul's Cathedral in the City of London was tonight crowded with worshippers who came to the evening service to hear the sermon preached by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps.

Sir Stafford, who preaches regularly in local churches, is believed to be the first layman to do so in an ordinary service at St. Paul's.

There was hardly a seat to spare in the whole Cathedral.

Late comers were standing at the back.

Sir Stafford, wearing a dark blue lounge suit, mounted the pulpit during the singing of an anthem and stood erect gazing at his notes.

He spoke clearly and loudly, his face stern but otherwise showing no expression, for almost half an hour.

In the course of his address the Chancellor declared that uncontrolled materialism "must crash in self-destruction."

He chose as his subject "Personal Faith and Christian Action".

—Reuter.

Merger plan for Indonesia

Jakarta, January 8.

An important Republican leader has proposed that the 16 United States of Indonesia be merged into a highly centralized Republic.

The chairman of the Republican Advisory Council suggested that the Republic of Indonesia take the first step toward centralization. The Dutch initiated the idea that the USI be composed of 16 autonomous states loosely banded together in a Federal state, but some Indonesians favour a single State for the whole of the archipelago, over which the Dutch relinquished sovereignty last month.

All the States except the Republic, observers point out, were formed only after Dutch troops had occupied their territory. Reliable sources report that the chairman, Mr. Karjo, had offered his plan to the Republican Government. If accepted, the republic would dissolve itself and become a province.—United Press.

JAPAN PURGE TO CONTINUE

Tokyo, January 8.

The Japanese Government will maintain General MacArthur's purge directives against leading Japanese who supported the aggressive war when Allied control finishes, according to the Japanese Attorney-General, Mr. Shunichi Ueda.

Mr. Ueda said the Government will continue to keep extremists out of responsible positions, regardless of whether they are rightists or leftists.

This is necessary to accelerate the democratization of Japan, he stated.

Mr. Ueda gave an assurance that the Government purge will not be directed particularly against the Communists.

He said many of Japan's most notorious purges had appeared for re-examination and de-purging without success.—Reuter.

Atom bomb explosion discounted

Stuttgart, January 6.

One of the most sensitive telegraphic instruments in Europe failed to record any ground tremors that would have resulted from an atomic explosion in the Soviet Union last night, its director said today.

Dr. Wilhelm Hiller, director of the Stuttgart Seismological Institute, said his instruments recorded nothing unusual in the 24-hour period since 10 a.m. on Saturday. He added: "If anything had happened, no matter where in the world, they would have recorded it."

Kenneth de Courcy, editor of the monthly "Intelligence Digest," said in London last night that a second atomic explosion occurred in Soviet Russia at midnight London time.—United Press.

PENANG MYSTERY

Penang, January 9.

A silvery flashing object seen high in the sky here has the whole city mystified. It was sharp and clear, appearing and disappearing a few times, at times stationary, at others appearing to move. Some said it was a flying saucer, others said it was a star of comets.

The phenomenon brought a flood of prophesies. Some said a third world war is imminent, others predicted it indicated peace for the world.—Reuter.

EFFORTS TO CUT AID TO EUROPE EXPECTED

Washington, January 8.

Strong efforts to cut down aid to Europe may be expected at the next session of Congress which begins this month.

This is indicated more and more in statements of opinions of both Democrats and Republicans influential in guiding Congressional decisions.

Probably outstanding among these expressions of opinion was that of Senator Scott Lucas of Illinois, Democratic leader and Administration spokesman in the Senate.

Mr. Lucas said he would welcome any cuts in recovery spending.

But Mr. Lucas, like most others discussing possible reductions in recovery aid, conditioned any cut upon "not crippling the programme."

Most emphatic of those giving opinions about aid to Europe was Senator John L. McClellan, Democrat of Arkansas.

Just back from a tour of Europe, Mr. McClellan in a speech at Little Rock, Arkansas, criticized severely British Government spending policies. He said Britain has embarked upon a programme of social benefits, aid and subsidies that "she definitely cannot afford."

He believes the United States should consider carefully the advisability of further aid to

Britain unless the British Government programme is revised.

Then of Europe as a whole, he said flatly that he believes substantial cuts can be made in the amount of recovery aid.

He asserted that information he gathered on his tour of Marshall Plan countries convinced him that the ERP appropriation "can and should be reduced by more than \$1,000,000,000."

Mr. McClellan added, also, that he believes the same results already accomplished toward putting Europe back on a firm economic footing "could have been achieved for considerably less than the amount we have spent."

Representative Mike Mansfield, Democrat of Montana, one of the most active members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, also has joined in the discussion of the future of ERP.

End in 1952

He, too, has only recently completed a tour Europe and declared he is convinced that ERP should be ended—as announced—in 1952.

Mr. Mansfield made no suggestion for any immediate cuts in recovery spending. But in the past he has been insistent upon unqualified proof of the need for all appropriations, even though never questioning that recovery aid was necessary.

Despite all the discussions of ERP financing and expiration dates, no one has suggested a definite figure of the amount to be provided for carrying on the recovery programme for 1950.

Present appropriations—for the year ending June 30, 1950—are \$3,628,380,000.

New factor

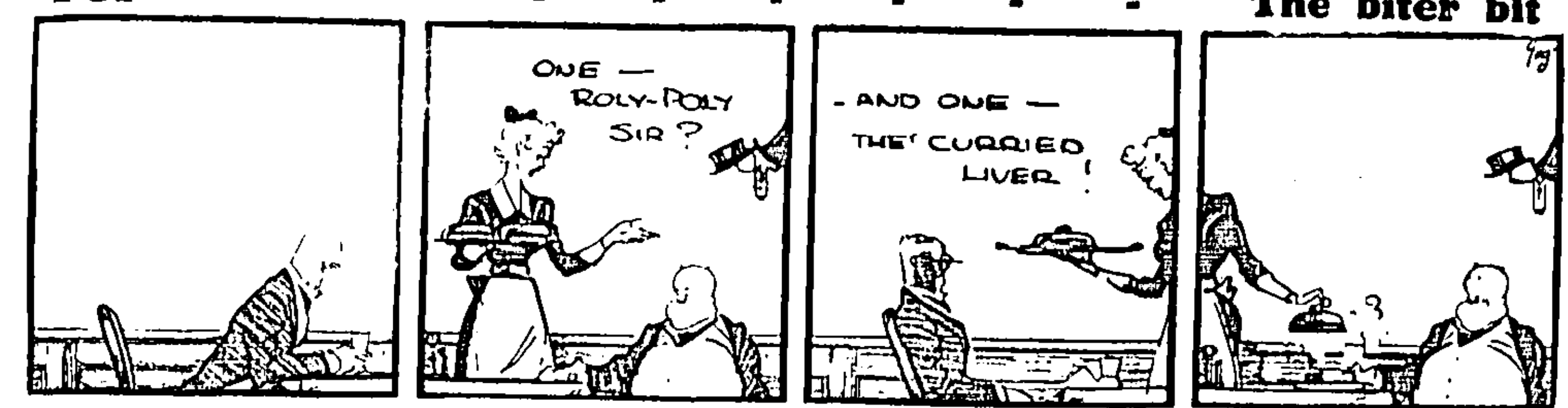
In addition to the talk of cutting ERP appropriations, a new factor is coming into view—should Europe be encouraged to sell more goods here.

Mr. Mansfield, in his report on his tour of Europe, has repeated frequently statements of recovery leaders that additional sales of European products here could help cut down the need for dollar aid.

But there is opposition in sight for this argument.

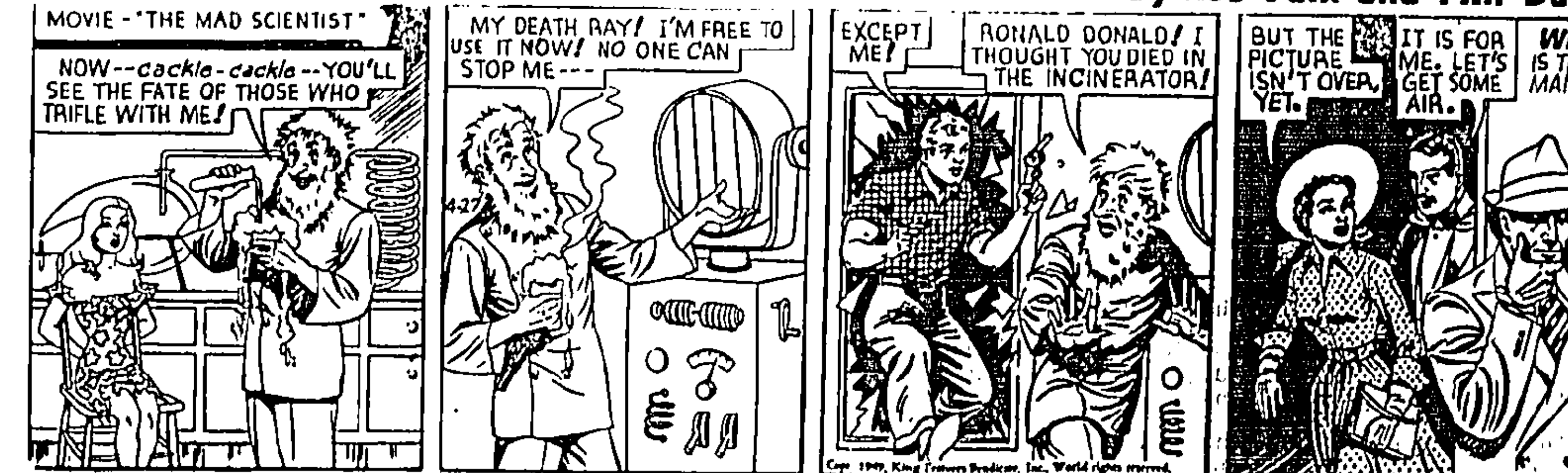
The American Wage Earners' Protective Conference, an organization of labour unions, does not like the idea. It has called a conference here to oppose increased imports from Europe on the grounds that such imports would compete with domestic products and be harmful to small American business.—Associated Press.

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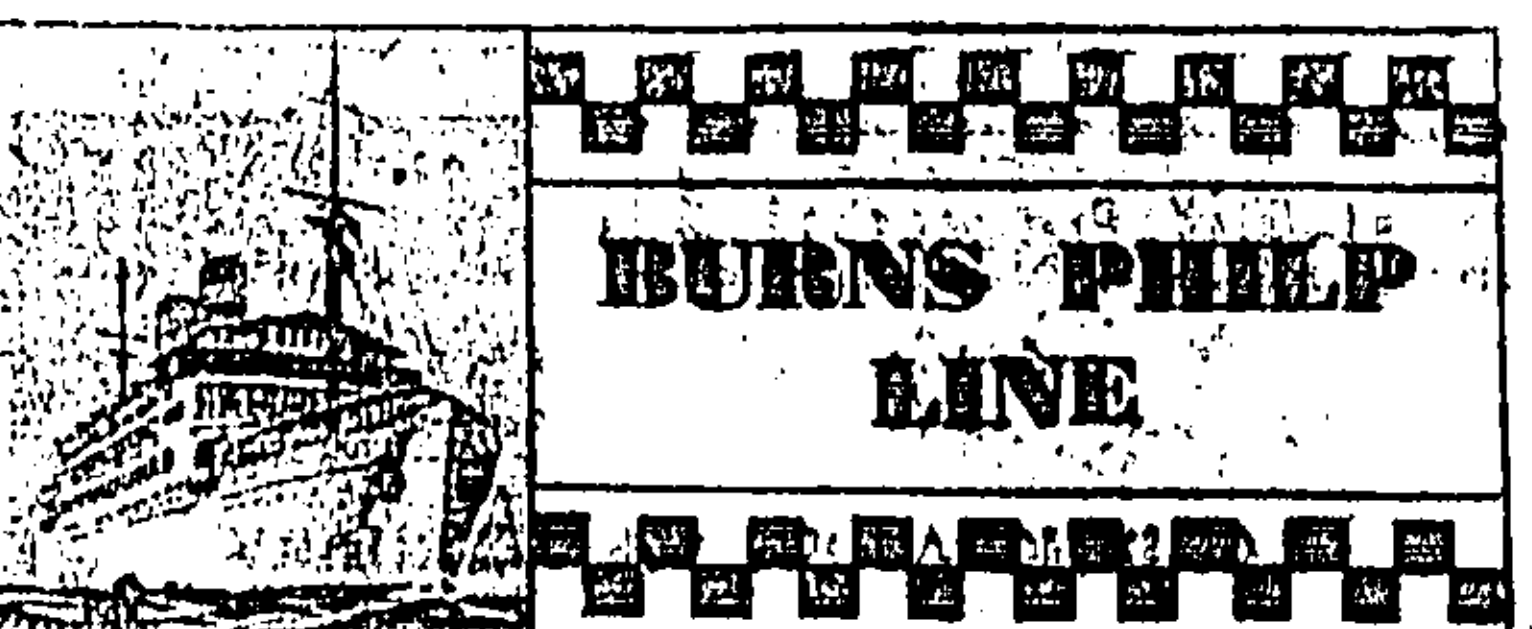
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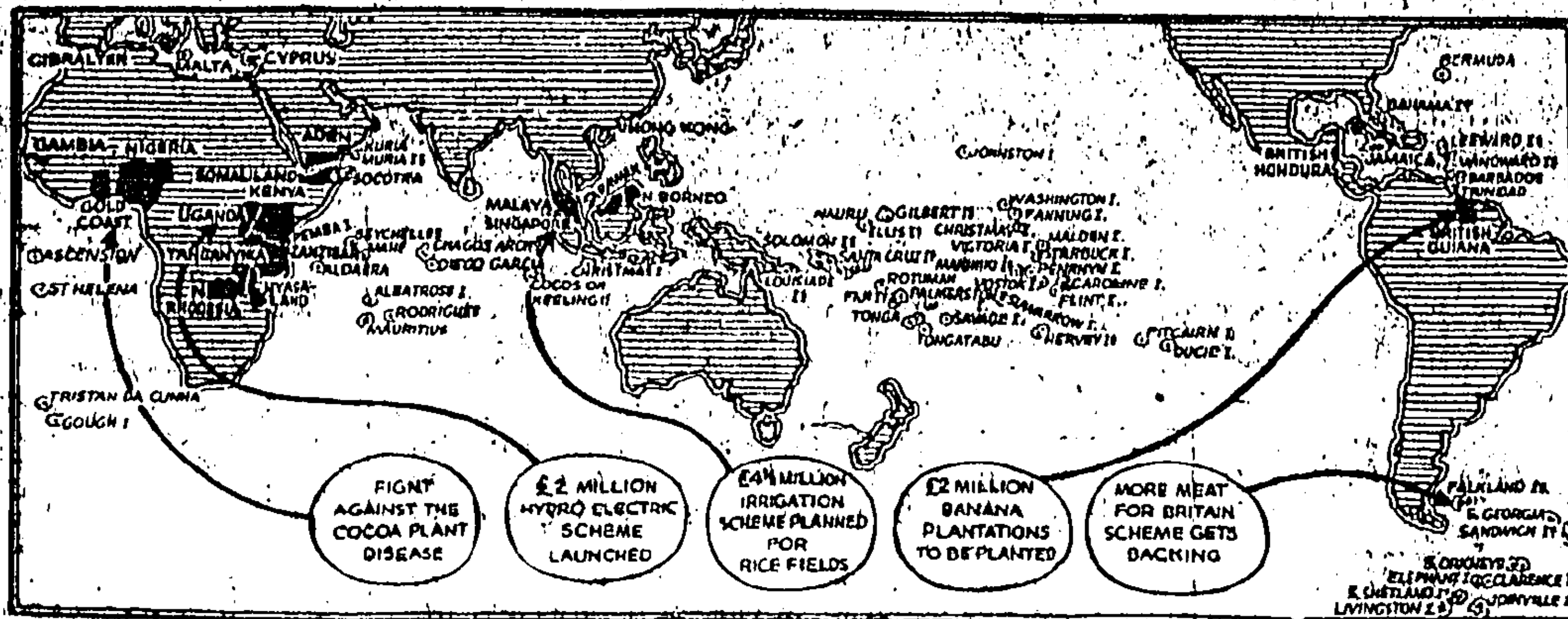
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TESTING TIME AHEAD FOR THE COLONIAL EMPIRE

By G.D.K. McCormick

Co-operation

Although the Colonies are not directly represented at the Colombo Conference, which opened yesterday their needs and possibilities must enter largely into the overall Commonwealth pattern.

Today we give a factual survey of these smaller but economically and strategically vital red spots on the map.

There is no doubt that the next few years are going to be a vital testing time for the British colonies.

For some time the test is whether they can prove themselves fit for the experiment of steady but cautious progress towards self-government. In other cases the test is on Britain to show that she can justify her colonial efforts.

Rightly or wrongly, colonialism as a system is on trial by world opinion. While we may feel sure of our own minds of the justice of our cause, the appalling ignorance about the British colonies revealed in UNO debates is evidence that we need to prove our case to the outside world.

We must stop "apologising" for having colonies. Happily, there are signs that in UNO at any rate we have seen the red light, and we are determined to assert our authority.

Criticism in UNO may not shake our own convictions, but it does encourage malcontents in our colonies to take the law into their own hands. This much we have seen in Sarawak, in Nigeria and East Africa in recent weeks.

Developments

Let us take a quick, fact-finding "look round" our colonial empire. The following facts nearly all suggest that there is every prospect that the next half-century could be an era of unparalleled development in our colonies.

EAST AFRICA.—It is wrong to think of East Africa purely in terms of groundnuts. Colonial development here is at its peak in many directions. At Owen Falls in Uganda the giant £12,000,000 hydro-electric scheme is going ahead.

The project at Jinja will enable new electric power to be provided for Uganda, Kenya and Tanganyika and help Darkest Africa to be industrialised. In the long run it should go a long way towards providing a higher standard of living for the natives.

A canal from Lake George to Lake Victoria has been planned. When it goes through it will be possible to think of East Africa purely in terms of groundnuts.

MALAYA.—Even in strife-torn Malaya, draining and irrigation schemes costing £4,600,000 are planned to step up rice production. It is an encouraging sign that the rubber and tin production of Malaya's American earnings this year will amount to approximately £70,000,000. The rubber plantations alone bring in more dollars than the whole of Britain's manufacturing industries.

Only one-fifth of this tropical territory is productive at the moment. Four-fifths of the country is covered by jungle as dense as any in the world.

The main trouble in Malaya lies in the fact that the Malayan Federation is not a colony, not quite a protectorate and not exactly a dependency. There is no constitutional description which fits it, for the Federation consists of two British settlements—Penang and Malacca—and nine Malay states.

This conveys a hint of the difficulties which confront possible progress towards a more responsible and democratic form of government.

There is no Malayan "nationality," only a citizenship from which the majority of non-

Malays are excluded unless they were born in the strictly British parts of the Federation.

Malay uneasiness is rooted in the fact that Malaya is a minority in its own country. They are fewer than 2,200,000. If Singapore joined in the Federation she is still a Crown colony as geography and economic interests suggest she should, then Chinese by themselves would outnumber Malays.

The Chinese are the colonisers. Their hands built prosperity under the peace and stable government which British rule brought. But the Chinese are not content with the status of a minority. They want to create an amalgam of diverse races and cultures so that a truly Malayan concept will emerge.

If Britain fails, then the Chinese will look to China and the Malays to Malaysian Indonesia.

BRITISH GUIANA.—This largely undeveloped and rich in mineral deposits yet untapped. There is immense scope for development. It is planned to plant 10,000 acres of bananas at a cost of £2,000,000. This will give work to 10,000 Indians.

THE OUTPOSTS.—In the tiny outposts of Empire, where for a century life has "stood still," progress is being made.

More meat

The Falkland Islands are actually asking for immigrants from Britain. For years carcasses of rotting sheep have been piled up on the beaches of these islands, while hundreds of thousands of tons of mutton went to waste. Now there is a chance to change all this and provide more meat for the United Kingdom.

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ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJIBADAK" 19th Jan.	13th Jan.
"TJITJALENGKA" 16th Feb.	31st Jan.

MANILA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJIKAMPEK" 25th Jan.	
"RUYS" 23rd Feb.	
"STRAAT MALAKKA" 14th Mar.	21st Feb.

SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"VAN HEUTSZ" 12th Jan.	In port
"TJIBADAK" 19th Jan.	13th Jan.
"TJITJALENGKA" 16th Feb.	31st Jan.

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EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJIKAMPEK" 25th Jan.	
"TJISADANE" 23rd Feb.	
"STRAAT MALAKKA" 14th Mar.	21st Feb.

Calling at Mombasa & L. Marques direct.
Transshipment cargo accepted on through B's/L to
Dar-Es-Salaam and Zanzibar.

JAPAN

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"RUYS" 14th Jan.	11th Jan.
"TJISADANE" 23rd Feb.	
"TJIKAMPEK" 25th Jan.	22nd Jan.
"RUYS" 23rd Feb.	20th Feb.

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"LANGLESCOT" Late Feb.	20th Jan.
"HEEMSKERK" Early Mar.	Early Feb.

Transshipment cargo accepted on through B's/L to
Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"LANGLESCOT" 25th Jan.	Late Feb.
"HEEMSKERK" Early Feb.	Early Mar.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

CONFIDENT TONE IN AMERICAN BUSINESS

New York, January 8.

Business and industry opened the New Year on a strong note of confidence with underlying trends strongly favouring high level operations in coming months.

Overall industrial production in the first week of 1950 was equal to or closely approached the best output of any week since last Spring.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Business on the Exchange yesterday was quite brisk, coupled with a certain improvement in prices.

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Britain as intermediary for Japan?

Tokyo, January 9.

Japan hopes to use Britain as an intermediary for trade with Communist China, the Japanese Trade Minister, Mr. Hattori Inagaki, told Japanese newspapers.

He said Japan will revise her export programme since Britain and other nations have recognised the Peking Government.—Reuter.

Car sales expected to drop

Washington, January 8.

The U.S. Commerce Department predicted today that American car sales this year will drop 10 to 20 per cent below 1948.

The report said last year's record production of 4,200,000 vehicles is unlikely to be equalled in the next year and added:

"Factory sales of vehicles in 1950 are estimated at from 3,500,000 to 3,800,000 units."

The U.S. car industry has the biggest dollar volume of sales of any manufacturing industry—more than \$10,000,000,000 in 1949. It employed an average of 780,000 workers last year.

The department predicted that other production figures for 1950: machinery \$20,100,000,000; transportation equipment \$10,700,000,000—including \$8,800,000,000 for the automotive industry.

Orders were forecast for 2,500 locomotives, 42,500 railway freight cars and 682,000 tons of ship building.—Associated Press.

STEEL DEMAND ON INCREASE

Cleveland, January 8.

Steel prices, production and demand all are increasing, the magazine "Steel" reported today.

It said ingot production was up three points to 99.3 per cent of capacity last week—the highest level since the first week of May.

The magazine's weighted index of finished steel prices eased slightly to 156.13 from a revised index of 156.88 the preceding week, although the arithmetic price composite for finished steel went up to \$92.41 from \$92.18.

A clear reaction by buyers to recently announced price increases is still lacking.—Associated Press.

TEA AUCTIONS

Calcutta, January 8.

The recent suspension of railway and river traffic from Assam, via East Pakistan, will not affect Calcutta's tea auctions, the Central Tea Board authorities said today.

Arrangements have been made to move 7,000 chests of tea a day from the Northern tea gardens to Calcutta by way of Assam's new railway link, completely avoiding Pakistan territory, they added.

These supplies, together with stocks held in the warehouses, will ensure that the tea auctions will be maintained.—Reuter.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

s.s. "BENLOMOND"

Consignees are advised that Survey of damaged packages, ex the above vessel will be held in the premises of The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of consignees by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke on Wednesday, January 11, 1950, at 10 a.m.

No claims for damaged cargo will be admitted if damage is not surveyed at the appointed time by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke and consignees are hereby warned accordingly.

W. R. LOXLEY & CO. (CHINA) LTD. Agents.
Hong Kong, January 9, 1950.

Malaya's trade with China

Singapore, January 9.

Duck, eggs, sausages, oranges and salted vegetables—worth hundreds of thousands of dollars—are flowing into Singapore from South China.

It is estimated, however, that the present imports of Chinese New Year goods are only about 40 per cent of pre-war years.

Malaya's trade with China estimated to have slumped by \$750 million in the first nine months of the Chinese Nationalist blockade of the Chinese mainland ports.

The drop was the heaviest in April, when imports totalled only \$3,501,181 compared with March figures of \$10,411,884. The figures for October and November also gave an average drop of nearly \$3,500,000.

A leading Singapore textile merchant said: "What deliveries there are, now come from Hong Kong. As these goods cost more the value of imports from March does not show a true picture of the trade situation."

A spokesman of the Singapore Chinese Importers and Exporters Association said that until the Chinese Nationalist blockade was lifted, Malaya's imports of Chinese goods would be confined to what little was obtainable through Hong Kong and to fresh fruits and sundry commodities sent in junks to Hong Kong.—Reuter.

RUBBER CROPS

Crops harvested on the rubber estates managed by J. A. Wattle and Company, Limited, during December, were released yesterday. The details are:

	December (Pounds)	Year-to-date (Pounds)
Alma	85,000	170,000 (8 months)
Batu Anam	28,000	332,000 (9 months)
Chemer	70,000	418,000 (8 months)
Chong	18,000	208,000 (8 months)
Harah	40,000	494,000 (8 months)
Rubber Trust 194,000		594,000 (8 months)
(Malayan Estates)		
Benarua	15,000	180,000 (8 months)
Benarua	25,000	248,000 (6 months)
Shanghai		
Malay	68,000	782,000 (18 months)
Bat. Malaya	10,000	156,000 (18 months)
Tobago	22,000	307,000 (8 months)

Money Market

US dollars opened yesterday at HK\$0.55, and closed at \$0.57½ after a period at \$0.60½. It was put through from HK\$0.55 down to \$0.63½.

Sterling was stronger at HK\$15.10. Australian pounds continued strong at HK\$13.05.

Pistres were unchanged at HK\$15.10 a 100. Ticals went up to HK\$28 a 100. Gold coins were quoted at HK\$23.50 a 100.

Washington, January 8. The U.S. Agriculture Department says Mexico is nearly self-sufficient in tobacco production. It estimated that the country produced 33,000,000 pounds of tobacco last in 1948-49 compared with 50,000,000 pounds the preceding year.—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees Per

s.s. "BENVORLICH"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke, at 10 a.m. on January 14, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted, after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after January 15, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before January 31, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

W. R. LOXLEY & CO. (CHINA) LTD. Agents.
Hong Kong, January 9, 1950.



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The Global Fleet

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"President Wilson"	Arr. Jan. 20	Sails Jan. 20
"General Gordon"	Arr. Feb. 3	Sails Feb. 4

TO SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES via JAPAN

"President Harrison"	Arr. Jan. 20	Sails Jan. 27
"President McKinley"	Arr. Feb. 14	Sails Feb. 15

TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON via PACIFIC COAST & PANAMA

"President Tyler"	Arr. Jan. 24	Sails Jan. 25
"President Grant"	Arr. Feb. 10	Sails Feb. 20

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"President Van Buren"	Arr. Jan. 11	Sails Jan. 12
"President Jefferson"	Arr. Jan. 22	Sails Jan. 24

TO JAVA & STRAITS

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ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"BENVORLICH"	U.K. via Singapore.	IN PORT
"BENCLEUCH"		16th Jan.
"BENDORAN"	on or abt.	21st Jan.
"BENMACDHUI"		27th Jan.
"BENCLEUCH"		10th Feb.
"BENAVON"		12th Feb.
"BENALBANACH"		25th Feb.
"BENVENUE"		28th Feb.
"BENVORNOCH"		12th Mar.
"BENVORNOCH"		20th Mar.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING ON OR ABT.
"BENCLEUCH"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull.	18th Jan.
"BENCLEUCH"		16th Feb.
"BENMACDHUI"	Genoa, Avonmouth, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull.	16th Feb.
"BENMACDHUI"		21st Jan.
"BENAVON"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Havre and Antwerp.	28th Feb.
"BENVENUE"		16th Mar.

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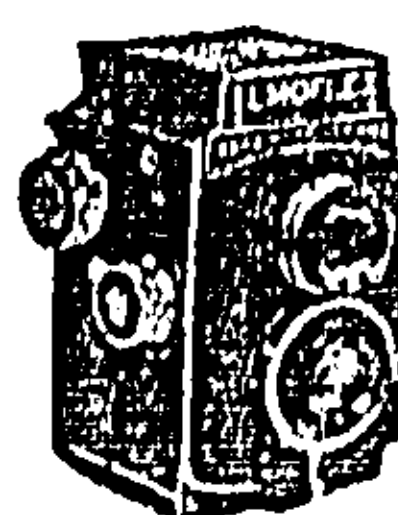
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HONG KONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1950.

Sports Pause



GAMBLING POPULAR ALL OVER EUROPE

HK HUNT HAS A GOOD RUN

Fortified by a sumptuous supplied by the hospitable Officers' Mess of the 25th Field Regiment, R.A., the Hong Kong Hunt had a rousing good run on Sunday in the Heas River district and the country to the West of the Golf Course.

Captain Murray, who had had the line with the assistance of his small daughter, had made the most of the rather rough terrain and after clearing the villages, W. J. of the road, the riders settled down to a fast run across the grass of Green Valley and up the Stripes through Blackbird Gap, where after the going to the first check was smooth along a track conveniently cleared by the Army's three courses. The line later took the hunt through the intricacies of the Heas River Valley and up Flagstone Pass to the point going on the lower slopes of the Dragon Back. The group of the Heas River valley sketched the Army's and introduced a final hunt called near "Amendable" where the whole lot adjourned at the kind invitation of Colonel Lamont and his officers of the 25th Field Regiment, R.A.

The hunt was a success in a large lot to party and the hunters found "the good thing" in discussing the much needed liquid sustenance.

One and all voted it "a very good day" and it is hoped that there will be several more before the season closes.

Among those present at the meet were Mrs. Christabel Cavendish, Mrs. Molly Terry, Major Hedley and Williams, Captains Mann and Young, Lieutenants Alton-Noble, Anson, Barker, Cape and Martin, Messrs. Buxton, Calderwood, Grieve, Matfield, O'Connor, Nelson, O'Neill and many others.

French want to compete in UK soccer tourney

London, January 9.

France would like to join the four British teams in the United Kingdom soccer tournament, according to messages from Paris. In Rugby football, apart from the years when there was a split, the French have joined in the international tournament which is now between England, France, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

As they compete successfully in the Rugby world they are said to feel they might also be included in the soccer. But it is not quite as simple as it may sound. France is virtually the only European country with a powerful Rugby football team.

That is not the case with soccer. If the French were allowed to join the Belgians, the Dutch, Swedes, Danes and Norwegians would probably feel that they should be given a similar opportunity and the "League" would become unwieldy.

Things might become further complicated by the World Football Championship zonings. France could hardly be included in the United Kingdom Zone. They would probably not particularly want to be, as it might be said to be one of the hardest of them all.

It would look as if the scheme is doomed to disappointment, though there might possibly be more frequent matches between France and the United Kingdom countries.—Reuter.

VARSITY TENNIS INTERPORT

The University of Shanghai beat the University of Hong Kong at their inter-collegiate tournament on Saturday by 6-2 sets to 3-2 at the University Courts.

Edwin Tsai and H. C. Yung beat Eu Tuk Cheung and George Choy 6-2, 6-2, beat T. T. Lim and Norman Lo 6-2, beat M. S. Hung and C. H. Ip 6-2.

George Lin and Billy Yu lost to Eu Tuk Cheung and George Choy 4-6, 6-2, beat T. T. Lim and Norman Lo 6-2, and beat C. H. Ip and M. S. Hung 6-4.

Killing Wu and P. Karik Tang beat Eu Tuk Cheung and George Choy 6-2, 6-2, beat T. T. Lim and Norman Lo 6-2, beat M. S. Hung and C. H. Ip 6-1.

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London, January 9.

Europeans love to gamble and each year they spend millions of dollars on government-controlled lotteries, football pools and at the dog races. All the European countries with the exception of Britain and Germany have lotteries, many of them sponsored by the State.

Holland is the only country where gambling for money is forbidden. State and charity lotteries for cars, motor-bikes, furniture, etc., is the only way out for gambling-conscious Hollanders.

Many European cities, such as Monte Carlo, Le Zoute in Belgium, and San Remo in Italy, have casinos where Europeans and foreign tourists bid for high stakes at lacera and roulette.

The introduction of craps, the popular American dice game, since the war, is the chief highlight of post-war European gambling.

Britain: There are no State or private lotteries and Britons happily gamble at football pools, dog and horse races. Official figures for 1948 showed £95,000,000 was staked on dog "totes" and £16,000,000 on football and jockey pools. Football pools are the favourite form of gambling for Britons, but it is seasonal.

France: Frenchmen have two favourite ways of gambling, the National lottery and horse racing. Casino table gambling is also popular, but the applies only to people in the higher money brackets or to professionals.

The little man

According to the best statistics, the National Lottery leads horse racing in popularity. In 1948, Frenchmen paid 9,000,000,000 francs for 21,000,000 lottery tickets.

Bulk of the lottery gambling is done by the little man who shares tickets with friends and who bets about 150 to 300 francs weekly on the Wednesday lotteries.

Horse gambling is carried out in two ways, either by betting at the tracks or by the part-bet system in cafes, etc. During 1948 Frenchmen gambled a total of 22,804,000,000 francs on horse racing alone.

Italy: In Italy gambling is sponsored and promoted by the Government in multiple forms. There is a weekly lottery called "lotto" which is entirely in the hands of the State. About 8,000,000 Italians play the "lotto" weekly. Official figures of the Ministry of Finance reveal that in 1947 the Government made a net profit of \$50,000,000 on the "lotto".

Italian cities have authorized casinos—San Remo, Venice and Campione, on the Lake of Lugano, a small Italian possession inside Switzerland.

The dogs

Dogs are not popular in Italy, although the GIs taught many Italians how to "shoot craps". Gambling at horse races and at greyhound tracks is widespread in Milan and Rome. Another semi-Government racket was developed after the war and is now outstripping the popularity of the "lotto". It is "Toto Calcio", a football pool similar to those of England. The income of this is something like 300,000,000 lire weekly, about \$500,000 a week. It is divided between the Government, the Italian Olympic Committee and the winners. Depending on the number of players, the payoff last year ranged from 75,000,000 lire down to 10,000,000 lire, or less. Sometimes there are so many winners that nobody gets more than 10,000 lire.

Belgium: Belgians gamble twice weekly on the Government-sponsored Colonial Lottery. Top prize is 2,500,000 francs, followed by 1,000,000 francs, then two of 500,000, four of 250,000 and five of 100,000, etc. Football pools are very popular, followed by dog and horse racing and Belgium's five Government-controlled casinos. On the Colonial Lottery an estimated 24,000,000 francs per month is spent by ticket buyers from a population of 8,000,000.

Scandinavia: In Norway and Sweden, the lottery is the chief form of gambling, but football pool gambling is more popular in Finland. In Norway, between 800,000 and 1,000,000 kroner are wagered each week. Last year the Swedes spent 55,000,000 Swedish Kroner on football pools.

Germany: Roulette and baccarat are the chief forms of gambling in post-war Germany. In recent months newly-licensed casinos have opened up in many cities.

Switzerland: Football pools and lotteries lure many Swiss to spend their hard-earned incomes on state tickets. Many Swiss prefer to go to the unrestricted foreign gambling spots conveniently situated on the Swiss borders at Evian, France, Camplone, Italy, and Constance, Germany, where Swiss can exceed their own national limit of two Swiss francs a stake.—United Press.

Malayan team for Hong Kong

Penang, January 9.

Twenty Malayan footballers, including five Malays, have been selected to tour Hong Kong and Manila this month.

The long postponed first post-war interport soccer between the Malayan Chinese and the Hong Kong Chinese for the Ho Ho Cup will be held in Hong Kong on January 21.

The Malayan team will leave by air on January 17. The team will be accompanied by Mr. Jim Hock Seng, of Penak, who will manage the team, and Mr. Tui Ah Chee, of Selangor, as Secretary-Treasurer, and a coach.

The MCCA (Malayan Chinese Football Association) is to play three matches in Hong Kong, the first one being the interport match against the Hong Kong Chinese. The second match will be between the Malayan Sino-Malays XI and a combined Hong Kong XI.

The MCCA's opponents in the third game have not yet been named.

After their Hong Kong fixtures, the MCCA will proceed to Manila where arrangements are being made for them to play at least four matches.—Associated Press.

Military interport football

Unofficial Army interport soccer matches will be played in Hong Kong on Saturday and Sunday.

A Portuguese Army combination will arrive from Macao this week to play against British Army teams here.

The Hong Kong Football Association has given its approval.

The first match will be between the Portuguese Army team and a combined British Army team at Soekunpo at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday.

On Sunday on the same ground and at the same time, the Portuguese military players will meet a 14th Division team.

KITC LINE-UP

The following have been selected to represent the KITC against Ordinance in a friendly hockey game at Shamshuipo at 4 p.m. today.

H. S. Dillon, J. S. Dillon, R. Webb, G. F. Edwards, U. S. Dillon, Yakob Khan, Lal Singh, M. Ali, F. X. Pinto, Singi Ninoo and Krishnan Lall.

ARMY BOXING

The 1950 Boxing Championships of Headquarters, Land Forces, Hong Kong, will start tonight at Murray Barracks.

The preliminary rounds will take place at 7.30 p.m. today and 8.15 p.m. tomorrow.

The finals will be held on Thursday at 9 p.m.

American star wins three India titles

Allahabad, January 8.

Mrs. Pat Todd, fourth ranking United States tennis star, won three titles in the Indian National Championships here.

Following her win with Miss "Gussie" Moran in the women's doubles final on Saturday, Mrs. Todd today won the singles and, with Dragutin Mitic, of Yugoslavia, captured the mixed doubles title.

In the singles final, she beat Miss Moran 6-2, 6-2 to gain her second major singles title within nine days. She won the recent Asian Championships in Calcutta.

The men's singles was won by Felicissimo Ampon, the diminutive Philippines Champion, who beat Pedro Masip, the Spanish star, 6-7, 8-6, 6-5, 6-1 in the final.

Ampon scored a second success by taking the men's doubles title with his compatriot, C. Carmona. In the final they defeated the Spaniards, Masip and Jaime Bartoli, 6-2, 6-6, 6-2.

Mrs. Todd and Mitic beat Miss Moran and Philippe Washer, the Belgian player, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 in the final of the mixed event.

On Saturday, Mrs. Todd and Miss Moran had beaten the British pair, Miss Jean Quarter and Miss Glen Hothing 6-3, 6-7, in the women's doubles final.

The Mrs. Todd today overwhelmed Miss Moran, who found it difficult to return her opponent's beautifully angled drive, Ampon, who progressively improved through the tournament, excelled at the net against Masip, making some tremendous smashes and crisp put-away volleys.

The Spaniard appeared to be suffering from cramp of the left leg during the later stages of the match.—Reuter.

Canadians favoured for ice-hockey

London, January 8.

Interest in the World and European Ice-Hockey Championships, to be held in London in March, is warming up with the arrival in Britain of a Canadian team, the Edmonton Marcurius.

This team, winners of the Canadian Amateur Championship, obtained by their victory in the Allan Cup, must be considered as the favourites to win the world title.

The captain of the team, 30-year-old Scottish-born Marshall Darling, regards his team's chances of taking the title they won in the Winter Olympics at St. Moritz and lost to Czechoslovakia last year in Sweden, as very good.

The average age of the players is about 24. Darling thinks the exhibition matches the team is to play in Britain and on the Continent before the World Championships begin, will mould his men into an exceptionally strong side.

The coach and manager, Jim Gray, said: "We are confident that we can win the Cup."

Sweden, France, Italy, Switzerland and possibly Czechoslovakia are the countries in which the Marcurius expect to play before coming back to London for the Championships.

Of the 20 countries invited to play in the World and European Championships, 13 have accepted. They are Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Great Britain, Holland, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States and Yugoslavia.

Sweden a danger

Austria, Denmark and Italy are not likely to compete while no decision has yet been received from South Africa. The closing date for entries is February 10.

In Britain, the Swedes are regarded as the potential dangers to the Canadians and as the likely winners of the European title. At least, that is the view of Bunney Shearn, Secretary of the British Ice-Hockey Federation.

The World and European Champions, Czechoslovakia, who recently lost 0-5 to the Swedes in Stockholm, have a new team held in London as being up to the strength of that of the last few years.

The Americans are an unknown quantity. The team to represent them has yet to be chosen by the American Amateur Hockey Association. They will fly over to Europe only a short while before the Championships begin.

Britain is regarded as having a very poor chance of winning the title they won in 1936 during the Olympic Games tournaments.

Today imported Canadians are barred, which means that the men must be drawn from home talent alone. Most of them are expected to be Scots.

Wembley final

The team will be one of the youngest in the tournament, but perhaps the experience gained will be shown in years to come.

Visiting teams will be housed in four London hotels. Matches will be played at the three big London ice-hockey stadiums—Wembley, Longford, Harringay and the Empress Hall.

The final game will be played in the Wembley Stadium, in which the Olympic Games were held.

Riders' unique experience

Two riders returning to the Hong Kong Hunt stables in the New Territories late on Saturday evening had the unique experience of a brief but exciting fox-hunt.

They were accompanied by Mr. Zylantoff's dog "Lucky" who featured on a fresh scent, when up jumps "Dan Russell" himself and away up the hill, with the very sporting dog close at his heels. They turned left to a full "view" along the top of the ridge, the thief of the world with his brush extended and making his point for Taklung.

The one-hound hunt was soon lost to view amongst the hills, where the riders could not follow at such a cracking pace, but "Lucky" returned after half-an-hour with a very satisfied expression, which said "Well, I gave him a run for his money."

other, even if they had not earlier in the preliminary pool, will be the winners.

Canada's record

The official opening ceremony will take place in the Empress Hall on the afternoon of Monday, March 13.

Since the world championships were inaugurated in 1924, the Canadians have won the title 11 times. Czechoslovakia has won twice and Great Britain and the United States once each.

The last time the championships were held in London was in 1937. On that occasion, Canada won the world title and Great Britain the European title.

The championships were originally offered to the United States this year but they decided to reject the offer. It was at the time stated that this was due to a possibility that several crack European teams would not take part.—Reuter.

CAAA COMMITTEE MEETING

An Extraordinary Committee Meeting of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Association was held at the Chung Shing Benevolent Society Club in Des Voeux Road, Central last evening.

During the meeting five of the members were elected as a special committee to choose the referees for the coming three matches with the visiting Malaya Football team. The names of the referees chosen by them will be submitted to the Hong Kong Football Association for approval.

The special committee members are: Mok Hing, K. K. Yip, Lai Yuk-tat, So Po-wai and Ng Kiao-tin. The selection of the referees will take place on January 17 at 7 p.m.

BADMINTON RESULTS

The following are the results of the "Colonial Dame" Badminton Tournament played at the Recreos yesterday.

First Division
St. Teresa "B", (3) beat Kowloon Dock (4), H.K.U. (9) beat R.A.F. (5).

Second Division
Homefolks (9) beat Rosary Church (3), St. Teresa "A" (7) beat V.H.C. (3).

CAPTAIN'S CUP AT FANLING

Out of a fairly large entry only six cards were returned on Sunday for the Captain's Cup Qualifying Competition at Fanling.

The two competitors who qualified were K. A. Miller (10) and B. M. Cotton (9). Both of whom returned a score of 70 net.

INDIA SUPREME IN THE HOCKEY WORLD

New Delhi, January 8.

Hockey, introduced here in the 19th Century, has attained its highest standards in this country where competitive team sports were almost unknown before British rule.

India has been world hockey champion since 1928.

Hockey today draws larger crowds than any other sport and its popularity is such among both participants and spectators that it comes closer than any other to being India's national game.

Games in the Western sense are not included in Indian tradition and culture. Yogi, gymnastic and acrobatic exhibitions have been popular throughout Indian history. Wrestling, duelling and racing always have drawn crowds. Polo, introduced by the Moslem conquerors from Central Asia, was a game of the Moghul elite and continues today as the sport of the wealthy.

It was British rule that brought hockey, soccer, cricket, tennis and golf to India—the instructors most frequently being the British officers of the Indian Army. The appeal of such games was so great and their spread so rapid that within a few decades India was in a high place in international competitions.

But it was in hockey that India came forth with her own individuality. She has retained the world championship by a wide margin in the 1928 Olympiad in Amsterdam, India scored 28 goals while opposing teams were unable to score even a single goal. In the Los Angeles Olympiad in the year 1932, India received a solitary goal, but scored 30 against the opposing teams.

World-renowned

The same wide margin was maintained in the Berlin and

London Olympiads in 1936 and 1948.

India's supremacy in hockey is so universal that a spokesman of the All-India Hockey Federation, it has become impossible to persuade a foreign team to visit India for competition.

A British team came here recently after great persuasion, he said, adding that it was defeated so thoroughly even by second-rate teams in India that the experiment was not tried again. India has visited East Africa, Europe, Australia and New Zealand and come back without suffering a single defeat.

The reasons

The reasons for this world supremacy are many. The Indian climate is suited for playing hockey the year round. It is even played even in torrential rain and on ice. Even in villages the game is popular. Branches of trees are shaped to make hockey sticks, and in some places, even balls are of wood.

In a land of castes and social regulation, hockey avoids caste. High caste people can play without fear of being touched—except through the harmless sticks—by the Untouchable opponent. Princes and other aristocrats who studiously avoid playing football for fear of being kicked and rough shouldered by low-caste opponents have taken to hockey without any such fear.—Associated Press.

Flying Arrow shelled by Chiang's gunboats

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Reports reaching the Admiralty here so far, the spokesman said, did not disclose whether the Flying Arrow was being held under guard of Nationalist destroyers or whether the Nationalist headquarters on Taiwan.

"We have the impression," the spokesman said, "that both Black Swan and the Flying Arrow are still lying outside the three-mile limit."

The Admiralty said Black Swan is commanded by Captain A. D. H. Jay.—Associated Press.

Brooklyn Heights crew meeting

Members of the crew of another Ibrabrandt ship intended to break the Shanghai blockade, said last night that the Ibrabrandt Company, in view of the Flying Arrow incident, should have enough sense not to send the Brooklyn Heights into Shanghai.

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Shanghai was a "danger zone" and that American ships entered Shanghai waters at their own risk.

The Hans Ibrabrandt Company has ignored those warnings, and protested against lack of American Navy protection of their merchant ships.

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A Royal Navy spokesman said last night that a foreign office policy statement on the brookling Nationalist warships—momentarily expected by

Truman's "human freedom" budget

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The President asked Congress to appropriate \$648,000,000 plus \$500,000,000 in contract authority for this programme. It was estimated that about \$100,000,000 of that amount would be for North Atlantic Treaty nations and the remainder for the other areas mentioned. State Dept sources said the proportions could vary if, for example, guerrilla activity should be renewed in Greece or if the danger of Communism increased in any of the other countries.

President Truman asked Congress in his budget message for authority to continue assistance to Nationalist China until next February 15, using the \$4,040,830 remaining from last year's appropriation of \$400,000,000.

But he asked for new money for either economic or military assistance to the Nationalists.

The budget also proposed that \$4,000,000 previously appropriated to pay tuition and expenses of about 3,000 Chinese students studying in the United States be carried over with the understanding that the programme will terminate by June 30, 1952.

A total of \$13,808,000 of funds already appropriated was proposed for expenditure of the programme in 1950, including the two items mentioned plus \$4,740,370 to cover the cost of inland and ocean freight on goods sent to China, and \$427,000 to be spent by the Agriculture Department on aid shipments.

The budget specified the remaining aid would be "for areas of China which the President deems not to be under Communist domination." In practice this is expected to mean Taiwan.

Items listed

Major items of foreign aid, compared to costs in the present year, were:

State Dept operations—\$100,000,000 against \$187,000,000.
International organizations—\$400,000,000 against \$58,000,000.
European Recovery Programme and similar items—\$3,250,000,000 against \$4,082,000,000.
Aid to occupied areas, mostly Japan—\$279,000,000 against \$931,000,000.
Aid to Korea—\$111,000,000 against \$93,000,000.
International Refugee Organisation—\$25,000,000 against \$70,000,000.
Displaced persons—\$4,000,000 against \$5,000,000.
Palestine refugees—\$20,000,000 against \$15,000,000.
Export-Import Bank—\$48,000,000 against \$71,000,000.
Bilateral aid—\$1,000,000,000 against \$600,000,000.
Point Four technical aid to under-developed areas—\$25,000,000 against none.
Philippines aid—\$91,000,000 against \$11,000,000.
Military aid, such as arms, for the "Atlantic allies"—Greece, Turkey—\$949,000,000 against \$700,000,000.
Authority to spend about \$500,000,000 more in the following year.

Defence budget

The US\$13,500,000,000 national defence budget placed emphasis on air power.

The Air Force was given Army and Navy suffered cuts. The Marines took the biggest slash in military services, losing 11,300 or about 13 per cent of their present manpower strength.

The proposed budget would maintain "balanced" land, Navy and air forces with a total of 1,507,000 officers and enlisted men and women—slightly less than the present manpower strength of the three armed services, but the number of personnel assigned to combat forces would be the largest since demobilisation.

The budget calls for 10 Army divisions, a naval fleet of 238 warships and 48 Air Force groups the same size as the fighting forces now. The Air Force was allocated a \$4,400,000 increase. The Army was cut from \$4,300,000,000 to \$3,900,000,000 and the Navy from \$4,400,000,000 to \$4,200,000,000.

Aircraft procurement expenditures were estimated at \$2,100,000,000 to pay for 2,300 planes to be delivered during the fiscal year 1951—1,270 for the Air Force and 940 for the Navy.—United Press.

Hong Kong ships—had not yet been resolved.

He added that shippers would be informed immediately upon receipt of any such statement.

A British freighter, the Elaine Moller, left Hong Kong for Shanghai last Saturday.

She is expected to arrive at the mouth of the Yangtze early today.